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WORLD OF RADIO 1542 headlines:
*Another country quitting shortwave
*New services to and from Nigeria
*New frequencies from Ethiopia, Germany, Japan, Libya
*English from Netherlands, Poland
*Also: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Cuba, Cyprus, Guiana French, three countries of India, Jordan, Oman, Philippines, Rwanda, Somalia, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Ukraine, USA

SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1542, December 9-15, 2010

Thu 0430	WRMI	9955
Thu 1600	WRMI	9955 [confirmed]
Thu 2000	WBCQ	7415
Thu 2200	WRMI	9955
Fri 0430	WWRB	3185
Fri 1530	WRMI	9955
Fri 2130	WWCR1	7465 [confirmed]
Sat 0900	WRMI	9955
Sat 0900	IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA	9510
	[second, fourth, fifth Saturdays, maybe]	
Sat 1500	WRMI	9955
Sat 1700	WWCR2	12160 [on 7490 instead Dec 4]
Sat 1830	WRMI	9955
Sat 1900	IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA	6090
Sun 0330	WWCR3	4840 [other programming aired Dec 5]
Sun 0730	WWCR1	3215
Sun 0900	WRMI	9955
Sun 1630	WRMI	9955
Sun 1830	WRMI	9955

Tue 1630 WRMI 9955
Tue 2000 WBCQ 7415
Tue 2330 WRMI 9955
Wed 0130 WRMI 9955

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http://www.wrn.org/listeners/world-of-radio/rss/09:00:00UTC/English/541

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** AFRICA [and non]. Aeronautical logs:
5598/U Santa Maria Radio, Azores; 2217, 3-Dec; ATC wkg a/c; sed use 3016 for next contact.
6535/U Dakar Radio, Senegal; 2215, 3-Dec; ATC wkg a/c clg Dakar.
8903/U Accra Radio, Ghana; 2227, 4-Dec; ATC wkg Sprngbok 203.
8903/U Kinshasa Radio, Zaire; 2227, 3-Dec; ATC wkg a/c clg Kinshasa.
8903/U a/c clg Braza Brazza (Brazzaville, Congo); 2213, 4-Dec; No response heard
8903/U a/c clg Cano (Soto Cano AFB, Honduras?); 2220, 2228, 4-Dec; No responses heard [how about Kano, Nigeria?? gh] (Harold Frodge, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. Radio Tirana good signals and modulation on 7530 kHz 4 December 2100-2128 c/d in English with news, a presentation of the

Tirana Opera house and an excellent presentation of folk songs with the great Albanian singers of the past, Tefta Tashko Koco and Marije Kraja.

Also in Albanian same night 2140-2230- on 5970 and 7435 kHz, splatter on the first frequency, best on 7435 kHz. Good strength but a bit weak modulation on both. Albanian programme with a long studio discussion on the state budget (Ullmar Qvick, Norrkˆping, Sweden, Dec 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS. 4760, AIR Port Blair (presumed), 1616-1626, Dec 3. In Hindi; sounded like a speech from parliament; // 4880 and 9425; speech still going after 1633 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Andaman Islands, AIR, December 4: (Recording made) 1529-1536Z. Male announcer in language, break, time pips at 1530, pause, "Good Evening" in English by female announcer, "This is Andaman Radio..." "The Headlines", and into the news in English. Item on Pakistan and India at 1531-32. Some pre-recorded segments played.

This station peaked around 1510-1520, and slowly faded by 1530. CODAR was terrible at 1525-28, but backed off for the part I recorded. This is strongest reception I have on AIR Andaman, so hope this is indication of good winter season for AIR stations (Jim Young, Wrightwood, CA, Grundig Satellite 800, 80-meter inverted vee at 80 feet, NASWA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DXLD) See INDIA for next log

** ANTARCTICA. 15476, RN San Gabriel. 11/30 at 1233, 12/01 at 1346, 12/02 at 1340, 12/03 at 1330, no signal from Antarctica (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil, SW40 - Dipoles and Longwire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15476, no trace of a signal from LRA36, Monday Dec 6 at 1440, as a fourth week of silence commences. L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec in S„o Paulo state, Brasil, agrees there was no signal on several dates late Nov and early Dec.

[and non]. 15476, still no trace of LRA36, Dec 8 at 1437; around the neighborhood: 15410 Farda, 15435 Vatican Urdu, 15450 something weak, 15495 no BS (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Still gone Dec 10

** ARGENTINA. Fant·stico heard as far as Europe on 1700 kHz ñ Fant·stico FM has begun simulcasting on 1700, located in Partido de Tigre in Buenos Aires. First info about it was published by DXer Federico Fuleston on condiglist 21 Oct and station was immediately heard as far as in Finland (DXing.info, 26 Nov via MW Report, Dec

BDXC-UK Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DXLD) Also mentioned last week`s item about R. Antares, 1650 (gh)

** ARGENTINA. 15344.88v, R. Nacional, 2259-0047, Nov 28-29. F˙tbol coverage in Spanish; after 0030 noted IDs for the regional station ìRadio Nacional Santa Feî; 0032 reading out numbers (sounded maybe like a lotto?); mostly fair (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R. Nacional Santa Fe has been relayed for many years now; at least as far back as 2006. It is routinely heard late Sunday/early Monday (UT). Have not heard it at any other time. ID at http://www.mediafire.com/?hy5a1u1o58owust

At San Francisco/Ocean Beach and also at Pacific Grove/Asilomar State Beach, I park my car (that's my radio shack) close to the ocean and string out 100 feet of wire along either a wooden fence or atop a concrete barrier and attached it via alligator clamps to the whip antenna of the E1. Seems to work well being near the ocean, as there are no street lights or buildings around to cause an RF interference, hence nice quiet listening (Ron Howard, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Some while ago I sent an email to RAE supporting the continuation of their English shortwave service. I have just received this reply:

"Hola Mike! Thank you very much for your message of support. It means a great deal to the RAE team to know that our listeners are out there backing the Short Wave broadcasts of this station that has been on the air for more than half a century. We're delighted to receive emails like yours from all over the world, from people who love SW radio listening and broadcasting like us. Once again, thanks. The RAE team" (Mike Terry, UK, Dec 3, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Same reply received by Anne, who responds:
Nice e-mail; it's good hearing something other than "We're leaving shortwave. Tough!" Enjoy the weekend, Glenn, and very 73 de (Anne Fanelli in snowy Elma NY, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I too received the same message from RAE today. Would be sad if the government closed them down as I think RAE would like to continue the external service (David Sharp, NSW Australia, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RAE heard 3 December 2010 at 0235 UT tune in on 11710 kHz. Economic news followed by sports review at 0243. IDíd at 0248 as ìThe International Service broadcasting from Buenos Aires.î ID again at

0253: ìWe come to the end of this English language shortwave program from Argentina.î Bell IS rang six times, followed by ID as ìRAE Argentina.î Repeated format five more times until 0259, when time pips heard until 0300 UT ID in French as ìRAE, Radiodiffusion Argentine.î SINPO=35333, difficulty maintaining signal to the point where I could only hear parts of what was being said (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 2368, Radio Symban, 1141-1141 [sic], 05-December-2010, in Greek. Program Details: Greek music. Signal: Poor, just audible this morning (Ed Wlodarski, N2ED, New Jersey, NASWA Flashsheet Dec 5 via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 6230/USB, VMW Wiluna, Australia; 1344, 5-Dec; English marine weather; SIO=253-, gone at 1348.

8176/USB, VMC Charleville, Australia; 1344-1350+, 5-Dec; English marine weather. A bit better than VMW. // 12365/USB weaker (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRIA. Radio ÷1 International now very limited schedule, heard 5 December with news in German on 6155 kHz, abrupt c/d at 0709. Published schedule: Mo-Fr 0600-0715, Sat-Sun 0600-0710 (Ullmar Qvick, Norrkˆping, Sweden, Dec 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST) But the extra quinquaminute on weekdays contains token English and French news (gh, DXLD)

** AUSTRIA. AWR 9830 kHz on 4 December 2010 from 2100 to 2128 UT, English program called ìDaylight Magazineî at 2113. Program entitled ìA Woman, A Baby and a Dragonî at 2118 about Old Testament men and women. SINPO=33433, QRM from RTTY station right on top of AWR. PBT and narrow bandwidth on R8A helped minimize the annoying effects of RTTY. Noted carrier remained on after English sign-off at 2128, past 2200 UT (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 4750, Bangladesh Betar, 1450-1500*, Dec 6. Assume in Bengali; ID; speech with many references to ìBangladeshî; better than co-channel CNR1. Dec 7 found CNR1 stronger. RRI continues to be off the air (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELARUS. 7360, 2103 Nov. 30, Radio Belarus, English service, reports, fair (Giampiero Bernardini, from Pescia in Tuscany, Perseus with 30 m wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELGIUM [non]. The Disco Palace moves from Bonaire to Montsinery

The DRM transmission of The Disco Palace at 2000-2200 UTC on 15755 kHz will no longer be broadcast from RNW Bonaire for technical reasons. From Monday 6 December this transmission will move to the TDF facility in Montsinery, French Guiana. (Source: RNW Programme Distribution) (December 4th, 2010 - 14:00 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD) But on a different frequency! See GUIANA FRENCH!

** BOLIVIA. Re 10-47, New Station in Bolivia soon --- ``I also want to give a heads up to all the DXers that I am building a 5 kilowatt transmitter and antenna system for BOLIVIA. It will be on 6055. I should be done with the transmitter by December 22nd, and the antenna by December 30th. The transmitter will take about 3 weeks to clear customs, then I will go down to start building the station. Should start testing on the air by January 7th, 2011 (JAMIE Labadia, Nov 19, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

``Listed in Bolivia on 6055 (or 6054 varied), is Radio Cultural Juan XXIII, San Ignacio de Velasco. Is that the one, or do you mean a totally different/new station on that frequency? (Glenn to Jamie, via WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DXLD)``

You are correct on the Bolivia Station, it is Radio Juan XXIII, and will be 6055. It is the first prototype with the new MOSFETS from Philips (BLF-278). It will consist of ten, 500 watt "drawers", with a ferrite based hybrid combiner. I am going to build them a LAZY H style antenna array. It will be four 5/8th wave elements, two over two, beaming broadside North / South. It should give about 8 dB gain, making the effective radiated power about 30,000 watts, more or less, with a major lobe going into North America. I am currently laying out the new Pulse Width Modulator boards, and should be testing the transmitter up here at the factory starting December 15th. The new station should be completed around the end of January. Best Regards (JAMIE Labadia, Dec 7, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also VANUATU

** BOLIVIA. 6134.80, Radio Santa Cruz, 0945-1022, Dec 3, Bolivian music. Spanish talk. ID at 1021. Fair to good (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** BRAZIL. Re 10-48, MAURITANIA. (...) 4845, Nov 28 at 0610 detected carrier in WWCR splash, so is ORTM back on 60m? No, still chanting away on 7245, so 4845 was probably Brasil, q.v. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

>>> You may be certain it's R. Cultura OT, Manaus AM, on 4845.2 which is why there's usually a heterodyne with MTN, when this B station is strong enough and Nouakchott is on (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, Dec 5,

dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4915, R Daqui, Goi,nia, GO, Nov 17, is no longer broadcasting in the evening hours on this frequency (Samuel C·ssio, S„o Carlos, Brazil, DSWCI DX Window Dec 1 via DXLD) BUT:

4915, R Difusora, Macap·, AP, 0046, 0337 and 0712-0717, Nov 17, 19 and 21, report from Expo Feira do Amap·, Brazilian pop ballads, brief ID between songs, 24322 (Bell, C·ssio and MÈndez, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. Since CUBA started putting their squealy transmitter on 5040, the formerly well-heard R. Cultura do Par· on 5045 lost its North American audience (and South American?) --- except when RHC fails, as was the case Dec 4 at 0542, allowing soft music to be heard; meanwhile Rebelde 5025 was VG as usual (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non]. 9504.985, 2215 Nov. 30, Radio Record, talks about S„o Paulo, commercials, fair to good, easy listening - REC

9589.29, 2205 Nov. 30, S˙per R·dio Deus È Amor, still out of frequency, usual sermons, talks, some music, good signal but not so good modulation. // 9565

9629.91, 2212 Nov 29, R·dio Aparecida, religious talk, AMS lower side to avoid QRM, weak/fair.

9665.06, 2244 Nov. 30, Voz Mission·ria, religious strong speech, some interferences from China on the exact frequency and North Korea on 9665.09 with patriotic songs at 2249. Better later at 2316. Good signal - IMG blog (Giampiero Bernardini, in Pescia, Tuscany (Italy) with Perseus and a 30 meters wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non]. BRASIL: 15190, ZYE522 R·dio InconfidÍncia; 2057-2102+, 30-Nov; M with news items & tinkle bumpers; ID promos 2059-2100+ including InconfidÍncia M·xima(?); M&W continued alternating items without bumpers; all in Portuguese. Slightly above 15190 instead of few 0.1 kHz below. SIO=3+33 with hint of English huxterage. 6010 covered by Family Radio in Arabic via Germany. (5/21/11 can't get here too fast, so they can be raptured out.) (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15189.98, Radio InconfidÍncia, 2250-2330+, Dec 3-4, Portuguese talk. ID at 2300. In the clear with a fair signal. Very slight wobble in carrier. Very weak at 0045 check with Portuguese ballads. // 6009.98 (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX Listening Digest)

R InconfidÍncia on air!! Hola, 1225 UT Dec 4, 15190, R InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte, px musicale + ID --- SUFF. Ciao e buoni DX 73 !!! (-Mauro - -Swl 1510- -IK2GFT- Giroletti, -JRC525Nrd - Lowe HF150- Filter PAR Electronics - BCST-LPF + BCST-HPF -Eavesdropper SWL Sloper 11mt to 120mt Band- Loop LFL1010 -Lat. 45 25'0"N Long. 9 7'0"E -Locator grid. Jn 45 Nk-, bclnews.it via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DXLD)

15189.98, Radio InconfidÍncia, 2215-2240, Dec 4, Brazilian pop music. Local ballads. Portuguese announcements. Talk. Weak but readable. Weak // 6009.99 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** BULGARIA. 15700, R. Bulgaria, Dec 5 at 1450 theme from ``Mission: Impossible`` and then spent at least four minutes reciting long list of kGz, apparently their entire schedule in Bulgarian. Ironic, as I recall that pseudo-Bulgarian (along with pseudo-T¸rkish) were among the languages appearing on M:I signage (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BURMA. Amnesty International is sending radios into Burma. This video shows them being distributed by activists carrying them on foot through a war zone to impoverished rural communities in Eastern Burma. The radios shown on the video are Chinese made Tecsun R 808's covering medium wave, FM and shortwave. The organisations distribute different makes of radios to communities to avoid possible detection of beneficiaries by the the military. The radios give access to information from broadcasts by the BBC, VOA, Radio Free Asia and the Democratic Voice of Burma.

On November 13, the day of the release of opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who spent up to six hours a day listening to shortwave during the long years of her detention, Amnesty launched a new appeal with a target of 10,000 more radios.
http://vimeo.com/16762206
(via Mike Barraclough, Dec 2, dxldyg via DXLD)

** BURMA [non]. RADIO FREE ASIA LAUNCHES Q&A PROGRAM WITH AUNG SAN SUU KYI.

AFP, 7 Dec 2010, Andrew Gully: "Radio Free Asia has launched a question and answer show with Aung San Suu Kyi, giving the people of military-ruled Myanmar the rarest of opportunities to communicate directly with the democracy icon. The US-funded broadcaster is airing weekly Burmese-language segments on Friday evenings with the 65-year-old opposition leader, who has been under house arrest for 15 of the last 21 years and was last released in November. Questions for Suu Kyi come in via email or phone and some have already arrived from people within Myanmar, a Radio Free Asia spokesman told AFP, adding that 20 percent of adults there listen to the program." See also RFA press

release, 6 Dec 2010 (pdf), with link to questions (in text) and answers (audio) in English.
http://www.rfa.org/english/about/releases/suu-kyi-program.pdf
(kimandrewelliott.com Posted: 08 Dec 2010 via DXLD)

** CANADA. 6660/USB, CHU Ottawa ON, Canada; 0038, 4-Dec; Time station. harmonic, // 3330 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 9610, Dec 2 at 1732 a Newfoundland sea chanty, 1732 ID as hour 2 of The Link from RCI on various platforms including ``several SW frequencies``. This reminds me that the English hours have now shifted to 1604-1804 UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [non]. 13635, Dec 4 at 1458, closing gospel huxter IDed as Christ Gospel Broadcast, Jeffersonville IN, with contact info, and then for Bible Voice Broadcasting, in Toronto, but off before completed at 1459*. This one is 250 kW, 83 degrees via Issoudun, FRANCE, Sat & Sun only (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 800, Dec 5 at 1338 UT, in KQCV OKC null, ``CKLW AM 800`` dominating way over XEROK despite west-of-terminator advantage, promo for the ``only open-line talk show in Windsor-Essex``, on weekday mornings; local weather now on Sunday Morning Live, mixing F and C, happy birthdays (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [and non]. This is not a big deal, unless you have this thing for Canada like your Primary Editorial Voice(tm) does. (We still havenít forgiven WGN America for not running the final season of CTVís ìCorner Gasî, after all.)

A Canadian radio presence that makes it to portions of the Northern Ohio radio dial is going away, and soon. Canada is abandoning the AM dial like it was a bad disease, and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is no exception.

The public broadcaster is about to abandon its long-time 10,000 watt AM signal out of Windsor, OntarioÖRadio One outlet CBE/1550, which on a good day puts a scratchy-but-still-listenable signal into much of Northwest Ohio. Weíve heard it through static as far east as Bay Village, which we noted when Craig Karmazinís Good Karma Broadcasting bought its first local station, first-adjacent sports WWGK/1540 ìKNR2?.

In Windsor, CBC now testing for a move to CBEW/97.5, and after the traditional brief period of simulcasting, 1550 will go darkÖmuch like many CBC AM outlets have already done.

We first learned of the CBEW testing from our long-time friend and colleague Scott Fybush at NorthEast Radio Watch, who calls CBE ìthe last powerful CBC Radio One AM outlet between Manitoba and Nova Scotiaî.

Some of the shuttered CBC AM signals have survived, most notably AM 740 in Toronto, taken over by private operator CFZM as older-skewing ìBoomer Radioî.

But CBC is likely to shut down 1550 completely, as we donít see any private operator taking over the signal. None of the biggest AMs in Windsor need any signal help, after all, as talk giant CKLW/800 booms all over the region, and sister oldies CKWW/580 is happy with its low dial position.

But the move also affects CBC Radioís French operation in Windsor, CBEF/540 ìRadio-Canadaî, which is also moving to FM.

The CBC FM signals wonít make it to Ohio, more than likely, though much of Detroit will still hear them. Even if we convinced Rubber City Radio to do late night transmitter maintenance on rock WONE/97.5 Akron, the CBEW signal would not make it this far southeast, or even in much of the tradiitional area that could get CBE on 1550.

Those looking for Canadian radio programming in Ohio will still have CKLW and other stations, like powerhouse sister FM AAA outlet CIDR/93.9 ìThe Riverî, on the radio dialÖand every CBC Radio outlet from Windsor to Yellowknife to Halifax on the Internet, and on smartphonesÖ (Ohio Media Watch Dec 2 http://ohiomediawatch.wordpress.com/2010/12/02/comings-and-goings-2/ via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** CANADA [and non]. We need to do something about the CBC --- Hi, Well as if the US media were not enough to blame for all the ills of the world now the politicians have a "new" scapegoat. http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/wikileaks-us-embassy-says-cbc-is-anti-american (via Dale Rothert, Dec 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SRG on Dec 2nd, 2010 at 21:09: The problem is that most Canadians cross this Border quite often. They wonít buy it if CBC shows them a pleasant US border official or something positiveÖ Iím afraid itís not CBCís fault but rather that of the US Homeland Security or whichever US agency that runs the security on the US-Canadian border. As a saying goes, donít blame the mirror if your face isnít pretty (Media Network blog comment via DXLD)

** CHAD. 6165, 0450 Dec. 1, Radiodiffusion Nat. Tchadienne, nice Afro

songs, talks in French, very good (Giampiero Bernardini, from Pescia in Tuscany, Perseus with 30 m wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6165, RNT, *0427-0430, Dec 3, sign on with Balafon IS. National Anthem at 0430. Weak. Very poor in noise and co-channel QRM. Lost in noise at 0430 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

6165, RNT, 2215-2230:30*, Dec 3, Afro-pop music. French announcements. Sign off with National Anthem. Poor to fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** CHINA [and non]. GiovedÏ 2 dicembre 2010, 0826 - 13970 kHz, FIREDRAKE vs. SOH Taiwan, Segnale insufficiente-sufficiente (Luca Botto Fiora, SITO RICEVENTE G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova). Italia, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

Also FD was on 10300, which used to be AIR. Looks as if the radio war with SOH continues as 9040, 8400 were silent. Also it was better on AM rather than SSB. Usually it is the other way around for me. This was at 1045 UT Dec 2 (Robin Harwood VK7RH, Norwood, Tasmania 7250, Radio Monitor SWLR-KS001, Dec 3, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) The one-time WOOB AIR frequency was 10330, FWIW (gh, DXLD)

6030, Firedrake is atop, Dec 4 at 1316; by 1347 it`s underneath Chinese talk, i.e. Ming Hui Radio, Taiwan, with CNR also scheduled via Beijing. No other Firedrakes found on 8400, 10500 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EAST JAMMERSTAN: 6030, Crash & Bang Chinese Opera Music Jammer; 1318, 5-Dec; Under M&W in Chinese. Best EiBi candidate is Ming Hui Radio via Taiwan. Only one heard over the weekend (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6030 has become the main source for Firedrake these days, in the 13-14 UT hour, but mixed with Taiwan and/or other jamming, such as Dec 6 at 1315, while nothing on the usual clear 8-11 MHz frequencies (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

After seeing Glennís recent logs of Firedrake on 6030, I wanted to check it out to see how I missed it during my daily scans. Dec 8 at 1331 heard the strong echo jamming of CNR1 and yes, by careful listening, I heard the Firedrake very faintly underneath; something I would have missed if I were not specifically looking for it; barely audible. So what is the Falun Gong station, Ming Hui Radio (ìclear wisdomî), broadcasting that warrants both CNR1 echo jamming and Firedrake? (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via

WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The 60-minute Firedrake music piece, recorded off its satellite feed by Mark Fahey: http://files.me.com/markwilliamfahey/oc9wf6
Enjoy your favourite strident jammer in high quality (forgive me if this has been posted before.) (Terry Wilson, Dec 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) You are forgiven (gh)

** CHINA. 4990, PBS Hunan, 1420, Dec 7. In Chinese; no sign of AIR Itanagar (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. HJDH Marfil EstÈreo; 0225-0234+, 4-Dec; Spanish religious program to ID promo at 0233 giving an HK call; then into tropical music. SIO=4+43+. Gone at 0331 check (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ìTensions continue to rise in Colombia, but in the midst of turmoil opportunities for the Gospel abound. We are working day and night to keep all our radio stations on the air. We have installed better antennas on our 5910 shortwave system greatly increasing our signal strength into places like Ecuador and Venezuela where we hope to begin deploying Bibles and Galcom radios. The new antennas we put in last year for our 6010 shortwave signal have been a smashing success. This frequency is dedicated to ëpost-evangelismí which consists mainly of preaching and teaching designed to help the people grow in the Lord.

We have been able to aim 6010 into the areas where no churches, meetings or normal missionary activity is allowed. Our 5910 frequency is for ëpre-evangelismí and evangelism. Programs are designed to hold the attention of even the most hardened and violent people and lead them to the Lord. The 100,000 Galcom radios we have deployed can pick up either station. We estimate that hundreds of thousands of people hear at least one of our messages each week and we know that thousands listen to the messages almost non-stop. Thank you so much for your prayers and support.î Russell Stendal - Colombia Para Cristo.

For several years, we have been sending small parachutes along with each shipment of Galcom radios to Russell Stendal in Colombia. Russell is a licensed pilot and he frequently drops Galcom radios, Bibles and other Christian literature into remote areas of ColombiaÕ.`` (Galcom International via NASB Newsletter NOV via DSWCI DX Window Nov 1 via DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. Audio Radio Sutatenza --- Hola Colegas, En la p‡gina de mi blog he colocado un archivo de audio que realicÈ en 2007 con la colaboraciÛn del colectivo radial de la campaÒa Fuerza de Paz, con

motivo del Concurso realizado por la AMARC por el 60 Aniversario de la Radio Sutatenza. Pueden escucharlo en:
http://dxdesdecolombia.blogspot.com/
Buen DX (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Bogot· D.C. - Colombia, Dec 4, condiglist yg via DXLD) Was public radio on 5075, et al. (gh, DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. R. Reloj: see CUBA [and non]; ELCOR: see USA [and non] WWCR; UNIDENTIFIED 5954.9

** CUBA [and non]. Checking out RHC colliding on 12040 with PORTUGAL [q.v.], Dec 1 at 2045 I find that 11760 is // 11730, 15230 and at 2047 program ID in Spanish as Sonido Cubano --- therefore, the English broadcast supposed to be on 11760 at this hour has got lost in the shuffle again. 11770 was in Arabic. Dec 3 at 1930 no Portugal, just Habana on 12040. Portugal`s weekday usage depends on silly ballgame scheduling, but they should have priority, there first, and properly registered.

9955, checking for WORLD OF RADIO 1541, Thursday Dec 2 at 2212 on WRMI, nothing audible but wall-of-noise jamming. The only exile programming at this hour is on Sundays, per Nov 4 WRMI schedule online, Foro Revolucionario at 2130-2230. Tnx a lot, Arnie! Meanwhile the all-day WON jamming was off 9965 by this hour.

12010, Dec 3 at 2320 as I tune across RHC, there is Arnaldo Coro Antich talking about the Antonio Maceo ham radio contest, this Saturday and Sunday. You may recall that one of the old La Voz del CID clandestine transmitters was also named for him!

We never hear Arnie any more on En Contacto, the RHC Spanish DX program; apparently he and Manolo de la Rosa do not get along. But Arnie still manages to get in DX-related items among his science-oriented commentaries on the Revistas Informativas at unpredictable times.

Altho not always audible, RHC on reactivated 15230 still colliding with CRI English via Canada, Dec 4 at 1418 making SAH; Commies vs Commies!

11760, 13750, 13780, 15120 et al., RHC, ``En Contacto`` DX program, Dec 5 at 1441 with Manolo reading a ``collaboration`` from HanÌbal Hurtado in Costa Rica about Radio Reloj, claiming that it is still on SW 4832 and 6006, which have axually been off the air for many years. Obviously neither of them knows this! Slightly out of touch.

I thought they might have been quoting from RRCR`s webpage historia,
http://www.radioreloj.co.cr/contenidoInicio.aspx
and it does mention starting 6006 in 1952, and 4832 circa 1960; but

does not admit when and that SW was abandoned!

BTW, the callsign TIHB stood for Hermanos Barahona, their Sistema RadiofÛnico [not an error: Sistema is one of those Greek-root words in Spanish which are masculine despite ending in -a].

Went on to talk about Cuba`s Radio Reloj. Program again ended earlier than before at 1448 instead of 1450, in order to include a 2-minute clip of Fidel set to music before 1450 ``En CompaÒÌa del Doctor`` medicine show.

Still seeking the expected secret mid-day repeat of En Contacto: not around 1715 or 1745. See also VENEZUELA [non]

12040, RHC still colliding with RDPI, checked Sunday Dec 5 at 1936. RDPI is on top, but considerable SAH by RHC, news // 11730. 2110, Portugal is still on during optional weekend extension past 2100, heavier SAH and CCI de RHC. Further chex of RHC midday Sunday still did not encounter any repeat of the DX program En Contacto.

12040 // 11690, synchronized, equally distorted sharing same lo-fi feed, Dec 6 at 1501 frequency announcement still includes long-abandoned 15390 instead of 15230, a change made almost 4 weeks ago. Standard remark about studio isolation from reality of transmissions. Plus: Mr. GÛmez, turn on a radio, or ask Arnie! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Havana Cuba, 5 December 2010 at 2015 UT on 11760. Arnie Coroís ìDXíers Unlimitedî in progress, with winter solstice sporadic E-layer propagation discussion. ìMailbag Programî followed at 2030, with mention of letters from Japan, Bangladesh, Greece and the United States. Reading reception reports from October, 2010, including mine regarding a request to Arnie Coro that he consider a ìpirate radioî SWBC program over ìDXíers Unlimited.î Weíll see. Also mention at 2037 UT that 2011 marks the 50th Anniversary of Radio Havana Cuba, so be on the lookout for contests, etc. SINPO=43434 (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11520, Dec 7 at 1402, lite jamming pulsing, but gone a minute later before I could nail the exact frequency. Probably a spur from the major blob on 11930 against R. MartÌ.

13880, continuous clix at 1408 Dec 7, mixing with RHC leapfrog spur, 13680 over 13780. The clix are typical +60 kHz spurs from jammer pileup on 13820 against MartÌ, coinciding with RHC leapfrog, Commies vs Commies.

12040, open carrier, Dec 8 at 1446, presumably RHC, while 11760 and

11730 were modulating (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. GiovedÏ 2 dicembre 2010, 0845 - 6150+6060 kHz, R. HABANA CUBA Portante muta. Segnale sufficiente-buono
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0849 - 6050 kHz, tent. HCJB - Pichincha (Ecuador), Solo musica andina. Segnale sufficiente-insufficiente (Luca Botto Fiora, SITO RICEVENTE G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova). Italia, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

ERRATA CORRIGE
``GiovedÏ 2 dicembre 2010 0849 - 6050 kHz tent. HCJB - Pichincha (Ecuador) Solo musica andina. Segnale sufficiente- insufficiente``

Per caso, questa mattina domenica 5 dicembre, pi˘ o meno alla stessa ora mi sono reso conto che 6050 era in parallelo a 6060 e quindi non si trattava di HCJB ma di RADIO HABANA CUBA, che sui 49 metri al mattino usa molte frequenze e tra l'altro spesso salta qua e l‡ a propria discrezione, fuori dalla schedule B10 ufficiale. Chiedo scusa per l'errore, magari qualcuno l'aveva notato (Luca, Dec 5, ibid.)

** CUBA [non]. Radio Rep˙blica is suspending CBC and WRMI relays as of today, supposedly temporarily. It's the end of the year and apparently end of the funds too, at least until new grants begin in early 2011. We'll see what happens. Schedule grid on the WRMI website is dated December 4. It's up to date, but there will be changes this weekend due to the Rep˙blica suspension (Jeff White, WRMI, Dec 6, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sackville relay was 9490 at 0000-0300 UT Tue-Sat; So how much longer will jamming continue on 9490? RR had been scheduled on WRMI 9955, only at 0300-0500 UT Sun & Mon. I suppose they will continue on unacknowledged low power but heavily jammed transmissions presumably via ELCOR, Costa Rica on 5954.2v at night plus spurs, 9965 daytime (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DXLD) See also UNIDENTIFIED 5954.9

** CYPRUS. 9760, Cyprus B.C. (presumed); 2236, 4-Dec; 2W interview in GK? SIO=333; // 7210 with co-channel Spanish, possibly CRI via Albania (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CYPRUS. INTRUDERS: 11970-11995, OTH radar pulsing, presumed from here, Dec 8 at 1446-1447*. Same type of pulsing also heard at 1454 on 9705-9730 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CZECHIA. RADIO PRAGUE TO CEASE SW AT THE END OF THIS YEAR

According to a mail received from the French section of Radio Slovakia International (NOT Radio Prague), Radio Prague will stop SW transmissions on Dec 31, 2010. They (RSI) add that several people will lose their jobs.

For RSI, it's not the case, but at the transmitting station, some employees will lose their job too (according the mail). Best regards (Jean-Michel Aubier, France, Dec 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yupp:
http://m.ihned.cz/c4-10000115-48375090-700000_mamdetail-cro-omezi-vysilani-do-zahranici

Gist appears to be a budget cut of 30...40 percent. Ten job positions will be eliminated, one editor each of the German, Czech, French, Russian, English and Spanish services, one online editor, one secretary and two audio engineers. CRo expects itself that giving up shortwave will result in shrinking listener numbers. The budget for the foreign broadcasts is to be renegotiated every year, so this is probably not the bottom of the flagpole yet as German saying goes.

http://translate.google.de/translate?u=http%3A%2F%2Fm.ihned.cz%2Fc4-10000115-48375090-700000_mamdetail-cro-omezi-vysilani-do-zahranici&sl=cs&tl=en&hl=&ie=UTF-8

I wonder when Radio Prague itself will start to mention these developments? Two weeks ago the German service still discussed hopes to get back the evening slot it lost when CRo stopped to lease airtime abroad, in this case at Sines.

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> some employees will lose their job too (according the mail)

Which raises the question whether or not Towercom will mothball or even permanently shut down the Rimavsk· Sobota site. In this case the current IRRS transmissions would come to an end, too (Kai Ludwig, Germany, ibid., WORLD OF RADIO 1542)

It could always be looked at beneficially. Whilst it is lamented that international broadcasters around the globe are curtailing transmissions on shortwave, one must realise that with less activity, then it is more possible to pick up more estoric <?> catches.

It won`t be as good (or chaotic) as it was in the 70's and 80's when we had to contend with jammers, and 20 different channels pumping out the same programme from some of the larger nations!

My Furthest catch, back in 1982, was KYOI on Saipan, on various

frequencies. At 7332 miles (11,800 km) the best I had (Keith Bradbury, Droylsden, Manchester, U.K, ibid.)

Well, these shortwave radios we have will make for some interesting doorstops soon. :-((John Figliozzi, NY, ibid.)

Another sad but not unexpected bit of news. The writing was on the wall when Radio Prague cut output to just one transmitter --- long way from the days when they ran five frequencies to North America in the evening. So who is next? Austria? (Steve Luce, Houston, TX, ibid.)

I received the same news about two weeks ago from a source in Radio Prague who asked me not to report it until the news was in the public domain. The source did not, however, give a date for the end of Radio Prague SW transmissions and I got the impression that the cuts would be made next year rather than at the end of this month (Roger Tidy, UK, Dec 5, ibid.)

So hardly more than a few days after Nov 16, when the German service still pretended that they hope for a new evening slot on shortwave as of A11? And on Nov 30 they still did their mailbag show as if no changes whatsoever are upcoming, days after the CTK item, with quotations from the CRo spokesperson, had been sent out. What's the name of the game they are playing? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, ibid.)

``Let`s get our act together``? (gh)

I've just been told by a source close to Radio Prague that its SW transmissions will end on 31st January next year. However, this has not yet been officially confirmed (Roger Tidy, London UK, Dec 8, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CZECHIA. Radio Prague is leaving short waves on January 31, 2011. The rumour was now confirmed by Mr. Krupicka, the Chief of the station. The Litomysl SW TX site will be closed (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DENMARK. 1704 kHz, 2141 Dec. 1 Lingby Radio, Maritime service, English, fair, // 1734 [see also SPAIN for 1704 kHz]

1734, 2138 Dec. 1, Lyngby/Blaavand Radio, Denmark, Maritime service in English. Weak // 1704

1758, 2143 Dec. 1, Lyngby/Skagen Radio, Denmark, Maritime service, in English and Danish, fair, // 1704 e 1734 (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, fatti sempre in Toscana, a Pescia, col Perseus e la filare da 30 metri, playdx yg via DXLD)

** DIEGO GARCIA. Glenn, ``DIEGO GARCIA. BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY, 12759 [sic] usb, AFN, Diogo Garcia, Chagos Archipelago, 1019-1211, 26 Nov'10, talks & interviews, 5 minute news at 1130,..., financial advice; 25332, deteriorating. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) You mean 12579 (gh, DXLD)``

>>> My logsheet has 12759, not -579, and ditto on 06 Sep'10 which was my latest obs. until 26 Nov last, and I suppose I didn't miswrite it; besides, it's listed as 12759 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, Dec 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, DG is listed at 12759 here:
http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/Shortwave.aspx
also in EiBi. Aoki has it on 12579 --- I guess Aoki is wrong here (gh)
See also USA for HQ QSL address

** DJIBOUTI. 4780, 1653 Nov. 29, RTV Djibouti, pops songs, excellent signal! (Giampiero Bernardini in Pescia, Tuscany, with Perseus and 30 meters wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4780, R. Djibouti. December 01, 0339-0341 male in Arabic talks, short music as a bridge to Arabic music. Abrupt sign off, 35333 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil, SW40 - Dipoles and Longwire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 6025.1, HIIJ, Radio Amanecer Int'l; 2042-2103+, 3-Dec; M in Spanish with children's music program; IDs as R.A. Int'l. SIO=2+42+, USB best; splash from R. (Romania?) International in French on 6030 -- not in 11-22 EiBi (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. 3279.90, LV del Napo, Tena, *0939-1015, Dec 3, abrupt sign on with Spanish talk. Ecuadorian music. Fair level but audio somewhat muffled (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** ECUADOR [and non]. 6050, HCJB Pichincha, 0042, 02 Dec, Quechua? No positive ID heard but did hear a number of short jingles using flutes. 4 time pips at top of the hour when Cuba signs on in English. I canít seem to get away from them. Sign on saying it was ''national announcers day'' and they congratulated each other then to the news. This now totally blocks HCJB (Bob Montgomery, Levittown PA, NRD535db, R 75, active antenna, NASWA Flashsheet Dec 5 via DXLD) See also CUBA, where RHC was initially mistaken for HCJB (gh, DXLD)

Re 10-48, CUBA, vs HCJB on 6050, ``Apparently it is not an NVIS antenna as would work best close-in. But is an unique type 761 antenna, whatever that is`` (gh)

Two dipoles in a row (apparently not strictly in a straight line in this case), mounted a half wavelength above ground. The antenna type is being referred to as "tropical antenna", which denotes a steep radiation angle.
http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/terrestrial/broadcast/hf/refdata/ant/antcode.pdf

The ITU regulations on the matter raised here:
http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/terrestrial/broadcast/hf/a12/a12.pdf

First of all I would like to point out 12.45.
Note also 12.11: Coordination is voluntary but the organizations are urged, no less, to participate.

And read 12.26 plus 12.27: It's pretty unlikely that HCJB's use of 6050 has been deleted only because they missed filing it for B10. Anyone here who has access to the ITU's B10 document and can provide a definite answer?

About the coordination:
http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/terrestrial/broadcast/hf/coord/index.html
http://www.hfcc.org/group.phtml
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, Dec 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. Radio Cairo to North America, 5 December 2010 on 6270 kHz at 0159 sign-on in English. Music and tourism news, followed by news at 0215 UT. Headlines repeated at 0225, followed by this ID and announcement: ìYou are tuned to Radio Cairo on 6270 kHz and we are on the air every day.î Then mention was made of reception conditions as follows: ìIf you experience difficulty hearing our signal, it is related to the force of nature and traffic on the bands.î Hmm. I would also say that transmitter modulation would play into the picture as well. SINPO=45333. Distorted audio and an annoying heterodyne present (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 5005, 1907 Dec. 1, Radio Bata, Guinea Ecuatorial, nice songs, fair but later also very good (Giampiero Bernardini in Pescia, Tuscany, with Perseus and 30 meters wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5005.00, 2240-2329* 02.12, R DifusiÛn de Guinea Ecuatorial, Bata. Vernacular/Spanish DJ with Afropop, 2300 Spanish talk about Cuba, more Afropop, no National Anthem at sign off, 35333 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, made on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a 28 metres longwire in 9 m altitude, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

5005, R. Nacional, Bata. December 03, 0541-0601 outside slow and African music, female talks in Spanish on music ìanivers·rioî, seems

outside coverage from an event. Few words readable, 35333 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil, SW40 - Dipoles and Longwire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 15190, R. Africa, 2244-2257*, Nov 28. Tony Alamo program; assume QRM from Brazil, but too weak to make out after sign off (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, R. Africa, Dec 2 at 2217 Tony Alamo with SAH from Brasil or slow flutter; frequency also warbles slightly on BFO, equatorial Doppler effect. BTW, Alamo`s convixion under the Mann Act has been upheld. Just in case Pan American Broadcasting, broker for R. Africa, is unaware of the monster they are dealing with, I forwarded this on to them (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Noticed this mention in today's Arkansas Times news blog.
http://www.arktimes.com/ArkansasBlog/archives/2010/12/02/alamo-conviction-upheld
The post has a link to a pdf file with the Court's Decision.

Also an AP story via KATV Little Rock
http://www.katv.com/Global/story.asp?S=13602980
(via Fritze H Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, DXLD)

15190, R. Africa, 1703, Dec 3. Preacher in English; poor (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, R. Africa, 1632-1643*, Dec 8. What happened here? Heard the Tony Alamo program, which suddenly went off in mid-sentence. Normally his show would end about 2257*. Surely his program is not on the air twice a day now? Still off at 1650 and 1701 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA. 5060.00, UNID replacing R Bana, Asmara, *0354-0455, Nov 21, 22 and 30, lovely string music IS with possible IDs twice in five languages, two of these possibly Oromo and Arabic, but R Bana was never mentioned. 0400 ann in vernacular, short music and talk for three minutes mentioning Africa and Afghanistan (news ?), then a lot of short talks (reports ?) with short musical interludes of music from Horn of Africa in between, 0430 talk by a different man, maybe in a different language, low modulation and occasional CWQRM, strongest on Nov 22: 35333, but fading out with 15211. Also heard weak under Xinjiang PBS at 1450-1725*, Nov 19 and 20, vernaculars talks and songs, 21321 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Dec 1 via DXLD)

Eritrea uses this frequency for various programmes. Thus "Voice of Oromo Liberation" is only one program outlet coming from this transmitter facility, not the name of the station (Ilpo Parviainen,

Finland, ibid.)

5060, 0400-0420 01.12, UNID, Asmara. Vernacular news (?) after instrumental music, 0405 long pause, 0407 talk, 35333 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, made on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a 28 metres longwire in 9 meters altitude, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** ERITREA. 5955, 0436 Dec. 1, Voice of Broad Masses, Horn Africa sound songs. Fair (Giampiero Bernardini, from Pescia in Tuscany, Perseus with 30 m wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 7235.00, Voice of Peace & Democracy, 0358, Dec 03, presumed the one opening here in Tigrinya? with tentative ID & mention of kHz & meter bands. Talk interrupted by HOA songs to 0430:30 off // unstable 9560.24 drifting badly. In the clear throughout as BLR had not appeared here yet. NF, obviously via Gedja, appears to replace 7165? 73, (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Martien, you are right, heard also in the evening with French 1700-1800 and V of P&D 1800-1830. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, Dec 3, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, ibid.)

9560.28, Voice of Democratic Alliance, 1503, 12/5/2010. Presumed the one with poor signal. Extended comment by OM. Splatter from both sides (Jerry Strawman, Des Moines, IA, Perseus SDR, Wellbrook ALA-100 w/ 5' x 34' Loop, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Ethiopia 9560 kHz in English 5 December 1600-1620 with long news broadcast, male and female speakers alternating, but troubled by a heterodyne (Ullmar Qvick, Norrkˆping, Sweden, Dec 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9705, Radio Ethiopia, 2010-2100*, Dec 3, local Horn of Africa music. Indigenous music with haunting vocals. Possible news in Amharic at 2057. Sign off with National Anthem at 2059. In the clear with a good signal. Irregular. No //s heard (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

9705.0, Radio Ethiopia, 2000-2010, Dec 4, audible after WYFR signs off at 2000. Amharic talk. Local Horn of Africa music. Fair signal. Irregular. Not heard the next day, Dec 5 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. Besides R. Hamada International, see NIGERIA [non], the only other current clandestine client of R. Miami International non-9955 per its website

http://www.wrmi.net/pb/wp_d12a1732/wp_d12a1732.html
is also via Germany: ``11760 1600-1630 47-48 500 135 15``

RMI does not identify what it is, nor Hamada, but Aoki shows: ``11760 V of Oromiyan Liberation Front  1600-1630 1...5.. Oromo 500 135 Wertachtal D 01041E 4805N VOF RMI b10`` (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. 4026 - Un ID Europirate here right now, 0330 UTC. Static is so heavy that about all I can make out is English accented announcers and rock/pop music. An Id was given but completely lost in static. DJ also was giving info about web site and mobile devices Laser Hot Hits has been listed here in the past. Just to much noise to get anything positive (Steve Wood, Harwich, MA, UT Dec 8, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** FINLAND. 6170, 0920-1325 Sat 04.12, Scandinavian Weekend R, Virrat, (1 kW), Finnish/English talks and pop songs, 35333. Next broadcast 07 May 2011! (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, made on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a 28 metres longwire in 9 meters altitude, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** FRANCE. /MONACO, 216 LW, RMC Info (Cf. DX-Windows no. 413, 414 and 415). On Nov 18 I met Father Patrick Keppel from DiocÈse de Monaco. He confirmed me, that the religious programme on Sundays has been cancelled by RMC. The reason is that there is staff reduction in MCR in Roumoules, and now it is impossible to broadcast this special programme (Christian Ghibaudo, Nice, DSWCI DX Window Dec 1 via DXLD)

** FRANCE. 6145, Dec 5 at 0610, African drumming and singing, 0612 announcement in Hausa; RFI, 0600-0630, 500 kW, 170 degrees from Issoudun. F-G but some splash from RHC 6150 even tho it`s undermodulated (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Three transmitters from Kall Germany on four 49 mb channels on Nov 28. Noted on 5980, 6005, 6085, and 6140 kHz.

Heute Morgen eine Testsendung von Radio Gloria aus der Schweiz ueber den 2. Sender in Kall. Bis 0900 UT gehoert mit S=7-8 Signal, "Gott ist Liebe" Sinnspruch. QSL ueber <QSL @ radiogloria.eu> oder

Radio Gloria
Postfach 540
CH-6280 Hochdorf, Switzerland/Schweiz
(Wolfgang Bueschel, Germany, Nov 28, BC-DX Dec 4 via DXLD)

5980, 0915-1140 Sunday 05.12, Hamburger Lokalradio, via Kall-Krekel (1 kW). German/Swedish, Special programme celebrating 1 year, German talk about German War Veterans; comments from a former journalist at R

Sweden German Section reading listeners comments about its closure, 1000-1100 Swedish programme about Jazz in Sweden, 1100 Thomas Voelkner about literature. 44444, QRM R Marti, Greenville. Next broadcast Dec 26, 0600-1600 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, made on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a 28 metres longwire in 9 meters altitude, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

6005, 1351 Dec. 1, Radio 700, songs, especially German pop, ID, talks in German, fair - REC (Giampiero Bernardini, from Pescia in Tuscany, Perseus with 30 m wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6005, 1010-1055 04.12, Radio 700, Kall-Krekel (1 kW). German, DJ playing German "Schlagern", several ID's: "Radio Sieben Hundert", 45434 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, made on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a 28 metres longwire in 9 meters altitude, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

For almost ten years, Hamburger Lokalradio (HLR) offers international shows for listeners living outside their Hamburg FM 96,0 MHz reach. The station rents airtime from Media Broadcast for programmes on 6045 kHz (first Sunday of each month, between 10-11 UTC), and from WRN for weekly shows on the WRN Deutsch channel.

Since December 2009, HLR can be heard daily from 10 to 11 UT on 5980, with 1 kW, using the Kall transmitter site. To commemorate one year of low-power short wave programmes, Hamburger Lokalradio will air two multi-hour shows. They can be heard on Su, Dec 05, and Su, Dec 26, from 06-16 UTC, on 5980. Most of the programmes will feature highlights from the HLR archives. In addition, there are programmes in English, Spanish, and Swedish. Here are some excerpts from the line-up:

Sunday, December 26

0700 Die Geschichte der Piratensender / History of Pirate Radio, show in English

0800 Weihnachtszeit im Hamburger Lokalradio, christmas novella by Fyodor Dostoyewsky

0900 F¸r Freunde der Kurzwelle / For Short Wave Fans, featuring studio recordings from Latin American stations

1000 Hallo Hamburg, a show in Swedish with Bo Nystrˆm

1200 Swingin' Down The Lane, a music show in English with David Miller

1500 Jazz und Literatur; HLR's Gaby Helbig interviews Peter Schulz, former major of Hamburg and author of the book "Rostock, Hamburg und Shanghai"

Hamburger Lokalradio welcomes reception reports which can be sent to: Hamburger Lokalradio, c/o Kulturzentrum Lola, Lohbruegger Landstr. 8, 21031 Hamburg, Germany; E-Mail: redaktion@hamburger-lokalradio.de . Return postage is appreciated. Reception reports for daily programmes on 5980, monthly shows on 6045 and relays via WRN will also be confirmed (Thomas Voelkner, Germany, DSWCI DX Window Dec 1 via DXLD)

** GERMANY [and non]. Re 10-48, Die ìNeue Deutsche Welleî
> If DW is planning to keep SW only for Africa, are the four
> transmitters at Kigali enough to do the job, or would they still
> want some additional capacity via other transmission providers?

There are also the Sines and Trincomalee plants in Portugal and Sri Lanka, respectively, which both are used for transmissions to Africa, too. But of course it's another question what will happen with these facilities after DW otherwise no longer needs them (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [non]. a Deutsche Welle schedule posted on their website 11/29 includes:

2100 - 2157
11865 KIGALI   West Africa kHz (25 m) daily 31.10.2010 - 30.11.2010
13780 TRINCOMALE West Africa kHz (22 m) daily 31.10.2010 - 26.03.11
     - 2159
07280 SINES West Africa   kHz (41 m) daily 31.10.2010 - 26.03.11
     - 2200
09545 TRINCOMALE West Africa kHz (31 m) daily 31.10.2010 - 26.03.11
12070 KIGALI   West Africa kHz (25 m) daily 17.11.2010 - 26.03.11
df (via Dan Ferguson, NASWA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DXLD)

So as far as the Rwanda relay, they moved from 11865 to 12070, but usage of the two overlapped between 17 and 30 November (gh, DXLD)

** GREECE. NEW 4874.93, 2315-2330 01.12, Harmonic of UNID Greek Pirate, Greek ann, typical folksongs, 23322, CODAR QRM, heard // basic frequency on 1624.98 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, made on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a 28 metres longwire in 9 meters altitude, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) see near-match below

4699.94, 2120 Dec. 1, Greek Pirate! Harmonic 3 x 1566.5 Greek slow songs non stop. Slowly drifting. Weak. Not San Miguel, sob.

4874.94, 2040 Nov. 29, Greek pirate, (H 1624.9 x 3), Greek songs,

talks, weak/fair.

5098.26, 1638 Nov. 29, Greek pirate, (H 1699.42 x 3), nice Greek songs, fair (Giampiero Bernardini in Pescia, Tuscany, with Perseus and 30 meters wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREENLAND. 3815 USB, 2135-2214* 02.12, KNR, Tasiilaq. Greenlandic news, 2148 orchestra music, 2200 Danish news and reports, 2213 Greenlandic song, 24332, QRM utility talks, incl. *2157-2158* Calls from Russian airports (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, made on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a 28 metres longwire in 9 meters altitude, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** GUAM. 5765 USB, AFN, continues to be very erratic.

1322, Nov 29, off the air.

1447, Nov 30, finally back to the normal AFN SW format; Dr. Joy Browne call-in show; // AFN Diego Garcia (4319 USB), which had about a one second delay.

1310 + 1416, Dec 1, off the air again (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5765 USB, AFN, 1312, Dec 2. ìMotoring Momentî; fair; // AFN Diego Garcia (4319 USB) poor to fair. Normal AFN format (non-music) (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Discovered AFN Guam on 5765 at 1055 Dec 2 but the audio although strong enough was poor because the presenters were speaking too fast (Robin Harwood VK7RH, Norwood, Tasmania 7250, Radio Monitor SWLR-KS001, Dec 3, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5765-USB, AFN unheard Dec 5 at 1310, nor 24 hours earlier.

5765, AFN missing Dec 6 at 1242, I think, with bad splash from WTWW 5755. After WTWW is off, at 1314 still no 5765 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also USA: address

5765 USB, AFN. Absent for four consecutive days, as of Dec 7 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Was back on Dec 9 and 10, Xmas music; see DXLD 10-50 (gh)

** GUATEMALA. 4052.5-, R. Verdad poor with music and talk 0558 Dec 3, just before sign-off. Also received another packet in the p-mail, including the rubberized pennant with golden fringe; unfortunately, some of the letters pull off when you unfold it, sticking to other

parts of pennant. They really need to protect it with a plain piece of non-sticky paper next to it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4052.5, TGAV Radio Verdad (presumed); 0039, 4-Dec; Spanish religious program with lite music. SIO=333- with muted audio & ute hiss from both sides (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not sure what you mean by ``ute hiss from both sides``, but lately I have been fighting increased white noise level over several hundred kHz in this area, presumed to be of local origin? (gh, Enid, DXLD)

Dear Edgar; Now at my blog:
http://kingsvillagedx.blogspot.com/2010/12/kings-village-dx-station-october-2010.html
Regards (Tarmo Kontro, Espoo, Finland, Dec 6, via Dr Madrid, DXLD)

** GUATEMALA [and non]. ANTENA DX en La Chispa Estereo --- Programa del domingo 5 de diciembre 2010

"ANTENA DX" es un programa radial dedicado a explorar el apasionante mundo del Diexismo, la radioaficiÛn, temas de Internet y todo lo dem·s relacionado con las telecomunicaciones.

"ANTENA DX" es el primer y ˙nico programa en su gÈnero que se produce en Panam· durante los ˙ltimos aÒos. Este programa es realizado por VÌctor Jes˙s GutiÈrrez desde los estudios de la radio "La Chispa Estereo 87.9 FM", una emisora que emite con 20 vatios para Torti, Panam·, y cuenta tambiÈn con la colaboraciÛn de algunos corresponsales especializados desde distintos paÌses del mundo.

Les invitamos para que nos acompaÒen semanalmente en cada una de nuestras ediciones; ya sea a travÈs de las transmisiones locales en FM los domingos a las 08:15 AM (13:15 UTC) y 07:25 PM (00:25 UTC lunes) o bien a travÈs de Internet descargando los archivos de audio en la p·gina web de "Programas DX".

TambiÈn ANTENA DX se est· retransmitiendo a travÈs de Radio Verdad en Guatemala

"ANTENA DX" se transmite a travÈs de Radio Verdad, desde Chiquimulas, Guatemala por los 4052.5 kHz, banda de 75 metros. El programa sale los s·bados de 0200 a 0230 UT, http://www.radioverdad.org/

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Cordiales 73 (JosÈ Bueno, Spain, 6 Dec, noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

** GUIANA FRENCH. 7335, V of Russia in Spanish, Dec 4 at 0552 with usual super-signal S9+25+, so super that several nasty FMy spurs accompany it, on approx. 7315, 7322, 7328, 7342, 7349, i.e. multiples of about 7 kHz; all of which went off at 0600* (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also RUSSIA [non]

** GUIANA FRENCH. FYI, please find down after an official info I got from TDF regarding TDP transmissions from MSY starting today 20101206:

Frequency = 17755 kHz
Antenna Configuration = Rotatable Toucan 4/4
Antenna Azimuth = 311
Time = 20.00-21.57 UTC
TX RMS Power = 100 kW DRM
DRM mode = B
Bandwidth = 10 kHz
MSC = 64 QAM
CR = 0,6
Audio Encoding : AAC + SBR + PS

Content:
- from 20.00 to 21.00 UTC = "The Disco Palace"
- from 21.00 to 21.57 UTC = "TDPradio"

Wishing you good reception in the USA, have a nice day.
Regards / 73 Jacques GRUSON F6AJW
(Via drmna list via Alokesh Gupta, India, dxldyg via DXLD)

This is simply a site and frequency change for old programming which had been on 15755 via Bonaire at same time. Aoki is confused, still showing it as 15755 from Dec 6 from Montsinery/ATN, despite ATN encompassing Bonaire, not Guiana French! I did notice the noise on 17750-17760 today Dec 7 around 2150 (gh, DXLD) see BELGIUM [non]

** GUYANA. 3290-, I have a very hard time pulling anything readable from GBC, but Dec 3 at 0615 I could at least make out some weak talk as the `mutant carrier` nearby was missing. 3290 was slightly on the low side compared to whatever was on 1290 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3290, Voice of Guyana (presumed); 0028-0037+, 4-Dec; English religious program with Xmas music to 0034; "This is a special..." into pgm taking phone calls plus more music. Fair at best in USB due to strong roar & squeaky wheel QRM (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HAWAII. More Kauai DX information: WWVH --- Hi, fellas. Lappert's is definitely on my list of places to sample. Drove by one of their outlets today on the way back from Waimea canyon (* Spectacular!!!*).

Also drove by WWVH, and as someone mentioned recently, it's not a place one can simply drive up to have a look. It's located on a US military facility and the sign simply has an arrow with WWVH and NBS, but there's a guard house, and I'm just about 100% certain that you'd be turned away if you approached. I could see various satellite dishes and vertical antennae in the area, but nothing like curtain arrays or dipoles. They're located right on the beach it appears, with the tops of several antennae visible from the roadway. I did notice that the Kauai recycling facility has a roadway down to the water and borders the military facility, so one might get a better view of WWVH from there.

A little footnote on WWVH. Years ago this station was located in Kihei, Maui and was immediately adjacent to Kihei road. For years after WWVH left, there remained large delta loops on the property between the road and the water, and some old signs indicating WWVH, and also the old vertical 2.5 MHz antenna. There was an ionospheric research station there when I visited about 15 years ago and was taken around by a very nice elderly gentleman and ham operator who was about to retire back Stateside. Shortly after that the property was transferred to a whale research facility (from the NOAA). Not sure whether it's still there or not. A shame that the present WWVH isn't as "user friendly" as the old site was (Walt Salmaniw, Pupoi, Kauai, HI, Nov 29, IRCA via DXLD)

** INDIA [and non]. 4840, AIR Mumbai, 1434, Dec 3. Sports news in English followed by the news in Hindi; fair.

4850, AIR Kohima. Dec 1 was the start of the Hornbill Festival, which runs for seven days; because this is such a major local event, I hope they will broadcast on SW this weekend, as they did last year. They

rarely use their SW transmitter. Reception from NE India has been very good the last few days.

4920, AIR Chennai, 1442-1456, Dec 3. In English; talking about snakes; some phone calls; partly in Hindi; poor; mixing with Tibet.

4970, AIR Shillong, 1318, Dec 3. In Hindi. Noted off the air at 1344. 1500-1512, in English with EZL pop songs; local IDs; 1512, switched over to Delhi programming and series of ads. After 1512 was // 4760, 4775, 4835.0, 4840, 4880, 4895, 4965, 5010, 5040 and 9425. Noticeably not // was 4920 (AIR Chennai). As Jim Young was also hearing today, Shillong had a prominent hum, which they have had for a long time now.

4990, AIR Itanagar, 1338 +1357*, Dec 3. Unusually strong signal; subcontinent music and suddenly off (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4990, AIR Itanagar, 1352, Dec 1. Indigenous chanting / singing; 1415 news in Hindi followed by local ID and news in English (World AIDS Day observed, etc.); weather forecast; program in English started with ìbroadcasting from All India Radio Itanagarî on MW ì675 kHz.î and SW on ì4,990 kHz.î, along with ìcorrespondingî frequencies in meters; talk given about ìSelf Confidenceî; almost fair; certainly one of their better receptions. No sign of PBS Hunan (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR Aizawl (5050), Shillong (4970), and Imphal all carried an English newscast from 1430 to 1445 Dec 3. The strongest station was Shillong (hum on audio), with 4775 buried by CODAR. China and Aizawl were equally strong on 5050 (Jim Young, Wrightwood, CA, Grundig Satellite 800, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. 4850, AIR Kohima. Does not look very promising for the future of SW here. Was unusual for them not to be on the air back on Aug 14 when they normally would carry the president's speech on the eve of Independence Day. A very bad sign! Now they have missed SW weekend coverage of their most important festival of the year (Hornbill Festival). Are they ever going to use their SW transmitter again? [WORLD OF RADIO 1542]

4895, AIR Kurseong, 1610-1618, Dec 5. In English with PSA presented as a drama about malaria and providing medical information; poor.

4970, AIR Shillong, 1355, Dec 5. In English with program ìLegal Adviceî, topic property rights; local program about new road and bridge construction in the NE; 1620-1630*, non-stop classical western orchestra music; sign off with local IDs in English and Hindi.

4990, AIR Itanagar, 1420-1425, Dec 5. Fair-good reception per attached audio clip (note 00.56 has a clear ìItanagarî); best reception to date. In English; local ID, news, sports (2nd state level chess championship tournament being held at youth hostel in Naharlagun with around 200 players from different parts of the state attending the week long tournament, etc.), Itanagar weather forecast and temperatures. Very enjoyable to hear them at this level! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Unlike yesterday same time [see ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS], Andaman/Leh almost unheard on 4760 after 1500 [Dec 5]. Only AIR station found with any reasonable signal was Shillong (with its normal hum) on 4970 at 1452-1524. Transmitter problems, but English news heard after 1533. Imphal on 4775 was also fair with same newscast in English past 1536 (Jim Young, Wrightwood, CA, IC-756-ProIII and 80M inverted vee up 70 feet, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. 4880, AIR Lucknow heard via long path 12/6 at 0055 tune with Hindi vocal/instrumental music. Woman announcer heard at 0108.5, 0114.5. Woman at 0115 with what sounded like news. Signal faded into noise by 0124. Signal was a steady S2 with slight improvement after 0105. Heavy QSB, typical of LP reception. Lucknow is rare here on the long path (Bruce Churchill, Fallbrook CA, Cumbre DX visa DXLD)

This is grayline time, so why assume it is not short-path? Are you using a unidirexional antenna? Not only is the long-path less likely due to distance, but what suppresses the short path, as you report no echo? MUF too low? Most of the short path is over-land, Asia and at least coastal N America, while the long path does have an edge being mostly over-water, once exiting India, across the Indian Ocean, S Atlantic, Pacific (gh, DXLD)

4888, AIR Lucknow, 1442-1505, Dec 7. An anomaly for them; off their normal 4880; in English and Hindi with live coverage of India playing in a ODI cricket match; frequent short breaks for ads/announcements in Hindi; // 5040 (AIR Jeypore) (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Comment from Mauno Ritola:

ìThanks, heard also here in Finland.î

Anker Petersen's (DX-Window/DSWCI) comments:

"Thank you for this observation. I think they will be back on 4880 soon. When I visited AIR Tx Khampur in April, I noticed how easy it was to push a wrong frequency there on a modern Tx. Just as easy as making a typo on a PC! Best 73, Anker" [WORLD OF RADIO 1542]

He surely must be right. Jim Youngís (CA) observations:

ìI heard this carrier here, without audio, on 4888.00 at 1518-1534. I also note that I logged nothing on 4880, but without audio I would never have guessed/presumed! Thanks, Jimî

Jim reports Lucknow back on 4880, 0042-0048, Dec 8. Appreciate their feedback! (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Does it mean they don't need to change Coils in a modern transmitter? Or is it all PCM type dial in frequency at time of change over? Cheers (Ashok Satpathy, Dec 8, dx_india via DXLD)

4880, AIR Lucknow. As Jim Young and Anker Petersen have also observed, they are indeed back on their normal frequency on Dec 8, after being on 4888 yesterday. I checked randomly from 1313 to 1522. [WORLD OF RADIO 1542]

4970, AIR Shillong, randomly 1610-1630*, Dec 8. Non-stop songs by the Mamas & the Papas (appropriately played ìCalifornia Dreaminí î); 1629 local IDs; fair with hum.

5050, AIR Aizawl (presumed), randomly 1610-1630*, Dec 8. In the clear, as BBR (China) had signed off earlier; songs in English (ìOld Lang Syneî, etc.); seemed the announcer was in English, but too weak to make out (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR ñ General Overseas Service, 7 December 2010 at 2214 UT tune-in on 9445 kHz. Interesting program feature about Indiaís CSIR Institute & Technology Laboratory for drug development, chemicals, solar energy and water purification systems. IDís at 2229 as: ìThe General Overseas Service of AIR,î followed by long beep and sign off. SINPO=35433, quick and pulsing fades present (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 9525.96, 1844 Nov. 29 Voice of Indonesia, in German, Talks mentioning Jakarta, Indonesian slow songs, good - REC in fondo web (Giampiero Bernardini, in Pescia, Tuscany (Italy) with Perseus and a 30 meters wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.96, Voice of Indonesia, *0951-1020, Dec 3, abrupt sign on in listed Korean. English at 1000. Poor. Modulation too weak to catch any program details. Improved somewhat by 1015 (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

La Voix de l'IndonÈsie, Jakarta, 9525 kHz, French service, 4 December 2045-2100 UT with tedious pop music. 2100 ID "La Voix de l'IndonÈsie vers le monde" and abrupt c/d (Ullmar Qvick, Norrkˆping, Sweden, Dec 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.96, Voice of Indonesia, 1000-1015, Dec 5, opening English ID announcements. English news at 1002. Fair. Stronger than usual today (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

9526-, VOI, Dec 5 at 1433 majestic film music accompanying Suara Indonesia ID, plus slogan in English ``Sound of Dignity``, totally marred by IADs. This has been going on for months. How can they allow that to happen? The fix might require just a simple adjustment somewhere in the program feed chain, or alternate routing. Or maybe they don`t bother anyone but me as I see other monitors don`t mention the dropouts.

9526-, VOI, perfunctory check Dec 7 at 1351 long enough to confirm that the RRI Banjarmasin guy is on again this Tuesday, and the IADs are still occurring. Toward the end of the hour, he and the Jakarta announcer converse and introduce pop music selexions. Subnormal reception today with weaker signal and ACI encroachments = adjacent channel interference from 9520, 9530.

9526-, VOI, Dec 8 at 1452, pop vocal music, VG signal again but frequent IADs, a big turn-off (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. BALI QSL: RRI 3945, Denpasar --- after a 17-year wait and with the help of Ron Howard, I was finally able to secure this QSL. A friend of Ron works at Kang Guru Indonesia and another person in the same office has a wife who works at RRI Denpasar. I contacted her via email and arranged to send her a pre-made QSL card to have signed and stamped by a member of the Denpasar staff (Jim Young, CA, QSL Report, Dec NASWA Journal via DXLD) It`s a great-looking QSL (Sam Barto, ed., ibid.)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. Occasional crackling on the WS news stream --- Am I the only one who noticed this? I'd have put it down to the computers both netbook and desktop until I also noticed it on my mobile which can connect either via 3G or local Wi-fi (Ray T. Mahorney, WA4WGA, 2225 UT Dec 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I suppose he refers to the BBC World Service, but it would be nice to know exactly what stream URL is involved (gh, DXLD)

** IRAN. 7320, Voice of the Islamic Rep. of Iran; 2000-2008+, 4-Dec; EE feature on Wikileaks, "A topical interview on current affairs". SIO=444; // 6010, SIO=343-.

11655, Voice of the Islamic Rep. of Iran; 1533-1600+, 4-Dec; Mix of English commentary, news & chanting; ID at 1552. SIO=232 with deep QSB. Splash from Australia on 11660 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [and non]. Wikileaks: Retaliation planned after Iran jammed BBC broadcasts --- US Embassy secret cable 4 February 2010 includes:

[HMG = Her Majesty`s Government; how quaint]

"HMG is exploring ways to limit the operations of the IRIB's Press TV service, which operates a large bureau (over 80 staff) in London. However, UK law sets a very high standard for denying licenses to broadcasters. Licenses can only be denied in cases where national security is threatened, or if granting a license would be contrary to Britain's obligations under international law.

Currently, neither of these standards can be met with respect to Press TV, but if further sanctions are imposed on Iran in the coming months, a case may be able to be made on the second criterion!

and

"In the immediate term, HMG plans to lobby the French government to approach Eutelsat and press it to drop IRIB broadcasts from the Hotbird satellite. The IRIB broadcasts several channels from the satellite, both domestically (even most terrestrial TV channels in Iran are dependent on a satellite and repeaters) and internationally, so it is an important source of income for Eutelsat.

While it would be unlikely for the company to agree to drop the IRIB broadcasts spontaneously, Turner believes it would be susceptible to an approach by the French government because of the cover it would gain from complying with an official government request. HMG would appreciate USG engagement with the government of France on this issue."

Full cable:
http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/us-embassy-cables-documents/247209
(via Mike Barraclough, Dec 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [non]. VOA Persian's "Parazit": like the Daily Show, but the focus is Iran.

Public Radio International, The World, 2 Dec 2010, Mitra Taj: "Fati Zarei is one of about a million people who go online every week to

watch Parazit. It's an Iranian news satire show that some are calling a Persian version of the Daily Show with Jon Stewart. Like the Daily Show, Parazit delivers the more bizarre moments of political news with big doses of straight-talk, outrage, and satire. But the focus is Iran. So instead of shots of Sarah Palin, there's a montage of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei repeatedly warning of the foreign enemy.

... And instead of Comedy Central footing the bill, it's the Voice of America, the official broadcasting service of the U.S. government. It's among the few foreign-based news outlets that offer alternatives to Iran's state-controlled media. The show's name means 'static' -- a reference to what happens when the Iranian government blocks the satellite airwaves that illegally broadcast the program into Iranian homes. ... Hamid Dabishi, a professor at Columbia University ... [says] Iranians, like him who dismiss Voice of America as propaganda, have become online fans of Parazit. 'I don't watch Voice of America,' he says. 'Nobody watches Voice of America. Voice of America is the Voice of United States Congress. But I watch Parazit very regularly. The fact that it comes from the VOA is almost irrelevant.'" (Posted: 03 Dec 2010, kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

-- Why not include Sarah Palin, and her American opposition, in the satire? It would balance and thus bolster the credibility of the satire aimed at Iranian officials. And make a statement about America on what is supposed to be the Voice of America. See previous post, including discussion of the Radio Sweden Saturday Show. See also another previous post about Parazit (Kim Andrew Elliott, ibid.)

Voice of US Congress? Isn`t that C-SPAN? (gh, DXLD)

** IRELAND. QSL: Shannon VOLMET, 3413, f/d card in 402 days for $1.00 (Colton, FL, QSL Report, Dec NASWA Journal via DXLD)

OK, all you purists out there. It`s not SW but I have to print something. Did I spell that word correctly? (Sam Barto, QSL Report editor, ibid.)

??? It certainly IS shortwave. If you mean ``it`s not shortwave BROADCAST``, that is also debatable. These flight weather conditions and forecasts are one-way transmissions, ergo broadcasts, altho to a specific audience. Spelt what, VOLMET? Yes, it`s the French acronym for flight weather. I should think those pining to be able to count Ireland among their SWBC totals would allow it (gh, DXLD)

** ISRAEL. IBA OPENS ëQUIET SHABBAT FREQUENCYí FOR RELIGIOUS ISRAELIS

The Israel Broadcasting Authority today announced that it would open a ëQuiet Shabbat Frequencyí - 531 AM - after an uncontrolled forest fire

in the Carmel claimed over 40 lives. ìThe frequency will only broadcast emergency instructions and the like and will be silent otherwise; thus, Shabbat-observant Israelis may leave their radios tuned to it over Shabbat,î the IBA said in a statement. (Source: Jerusalem Post) (December 3rd, 2010 - 14:49 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD) How quaint, pt 2 (gh, DXLD)

** ISRAEL [non]. 9955, Kol [NOT CAPITALIZED] Israel, usually inaudible on WRN via WRMI relay, but 31m is hopping Dec 8 instead of pre-mortem, 0608 with news about Turkey. Arnie is still allowing the DentroCuban Jamming Command to attack WRMI even during off-topic broadcasts, and the pulsing is about equal to WRMI, but 95% readable if you put up with the crap from Cuba. 0615 KI is wrapping up with weather and a bit weaker; 0615:30 WRMI ID and then into CDHD Brigade 2506 in English, again discussing Thanksgiving, old rerun? WYFR was also inbooming on 9985, more so on 9715, 9680, while last several nights had been very poor to nil on 31m (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. 6973, 4XB44 Galei Zahal (presumed); 2229, 3-Dec; M in HB with EZL music. SIO=232; QRM from downfreq pescadores (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY [non]. IRRS: Hi all, Today, 5 December 1245-1300 on 9510 kHz is DXPL from 4 December, instead of EGR transmission. New or a mistake? 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not an error, it's regularly scheduled. Check our program schedule online:
http://www.nexus.org/NEXUS-IBA/Schedules/sun.htm
73, (Alfredo E. Cotroneo, CEO, NEXUS-Int'l Broadcasting Association, ibid.) IRRS: see also CZECHIA

** JAPAN [and non]. NHK English with "World Interactive" programme on 5 December 1010-1029 to SW Asia on 11780 kHz via Uzbekistan and 9625 kHz from Japan to Oceania, best here. Several haiku poem presentations in the program (Ullmar Qvick, Norrkˆping, Sweden, Dec 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Haiku segment is on the first Sunday of each month (gh, DXLD)

** JORDAN. Re: DX LISTENING DIGEST 10-47, November 24, 2010:
15290: Noted today, Dec. 7, with sign on at 1157, into Arabic news at 1200 and sign off at 1230. Strong in Copenhagen. 73, (Erik Koie, Denmark, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KASHMIR. 4950, R. Kashmir, 0119, Nov 29. Probably missed their sign on by a few seconds; AIR IS; ìVande Mataramî song; subcontinent music; BoH pips; sounded like the news in vernacular; almost fair; best in

USB to get away from Angola carrier (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4950, *0118-0120* and *0129-0140, INDIA, 02.12, R Kashmir, Srinagar. AIR IS, first 10 seconds of "Vande Mataram" hymn then transmitter falling out, back at 0129 with Urdu ID: "Yeh Akashvani", news about Pakistan, 0135 Call to Prayer. 44434, heterodyne from Angola (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, made on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a 28 metres longwire in 9 meters altitude, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

4950. AIR Srinagar carrier here at 0112, beating with Angola and another station (Peru?). By 0135, quite strong in (using USB to get rid of Angola carrier). Male chant singing, then M in Hindu at 0138. More chanting style mx to 0145, but weaker. Talking at 0149. No audio by 0156, and carrier off at 0209Z (Jim Young, Wrightwood, CA, IC-756ProIII with 80M inverted vee at 70 feet, UT Dec 5, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** KENYA. Re 10-48: the Koma Rock site: I have a faint recollection that we might have presumed a site location for this former very short life-spanned SW transmitter site, but it isn't listed in the SW Excel files (Extinct Sites). Does anyone presently know the GE location referred to in the article? The start date (first known on air transmission of the site) was Sept 4, 1985. I have no records regarding the last known SW transmission (Ian Baxter, Australia, Dec 3, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. ZANY BREAKFAST RADIO DJS IN NORTH KOREA?

I am currently capturing hundreds of hours of TV & radio programming from North Korea as part of an academic project I am involved in. Yesterday I spent time digitally capturing the central domestic radio service as broadcast on 819 kHz in Pyongyang. I thought some of you on the DXLD list might be interested in some studio quality files of the DPRK's domestic radio. The audio is exactly the same quality as what leaves the studio - complete with the music featuring some analog tape wow and flutter.

I have posted two files on my website. One is 1hr 15min long (suitable to burning on a CD) and the other is a mega 9hr 30min. Both were captured yesterday, December 5th 2010.

The 1:15 hr file starts @ 7:57 AM and features the news and then the musical breakfast program.

The 9:30 hr file starts @ 6:55 AM and runs all the way thru to 4:25 PM. You can download the files here....

http://www.satdirectory.com/audio.html
(Mark Fahey, Sydney, Australia, Dec 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Always fun to listen to. It's so dramatic. In some ways it's like listening to old American radio from the 30s, 40s and 50s when news readers were over the top. A friend in China told me it was how radio was in the PRC during the cultural revolution (Keith Perron, Taiwan, ibid.)

> CNN Hong Kong downlink the content from Thaicom 5

Ah, I have not noted so far that Joson Jung-ang Pangsong has meanwhile been put on Thaicom, too.

I assume that the uplink station gets the program audio by way of the circuit once set up to feed the AM transmitters, perhaps in operation without any changes already for many years. The Korean foreign service programme is also shown for 3560 kHz, besides 4405 kHz a back-up feed to the shortwave plant near Kujang. This 3560 kHz transmitter could be co-located with 819 kHz, so it could be fed by another circuit which uses close-by wires in the very same cable, resulting in the leaking.

Such quality issues appear to be typical for audio circuits in North Korea. More than ten years ago Olle Alm already established by thorough monitoring an obvious quality difference between transmitters in Pyongyang area and those further away, which was an important clue for first concluding what it now well established.

> I receive the content as KCTV (DPRK Television) with the TV audio
> on the Left Channel, and the Central radio program (as I believe
> has both AM and FM outlets in Pyongyang) on the Right Channel.

No Voice of Korea there anymore? It used to be on satellite, apparently in decent 15k quality as far as I could tell from some snippets that appeared on Youtube.

Concerning frequencies in Pyongyang: I understand from some vague hints that Joson Jung-ang Pangsong is in Pyongyang only on 819 kHz, while Pyongyang Pangsong could be on FM, too, besides Pyongyang FM Pangsong which appears to be another program which is, obviously, distributed via FM only. I asked Keith already some time ago, but it seems that he had no chance to crank over the FM band in Pyongyang to establish which frequencies are in use there? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, ibid.)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 5910, Shiokaze Sea Breeze via Yamata, Japan, 1420-1430*, Dec 3. Another Friday in English, but with a new segment (ìCornerî); info from the Strategic Studies Institute US Army War

College paper by Dr. Khan, et al.; next weekís ìCornerî will be about the case of North Korean diplomats trafficking in drugs in the 1970s; fair with no jamming.

5985, Shiokaze Sea Breeze via Yamata, Japan, 1404, Dec 8 (Wed.). Ex: 5910; in English; data on abducted Japanese believe taken to N. Korea; fair; best in LSB to reduce QRM from Myanmar on 5985.83. Schedule *1400-1430*. Their former 5910 was heavily jammed (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 9779.88, TAIWAN. Fusato no Kaze, 1610 11/21/2010. Japanese comment between OM & YL. Fair signal (Jerry Strawman, Des Moines, IA, Perseus SDR, Wellbrook ALA-100 w/ 5' x 34' Loop, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Pretty far off-frequency (gh)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. Some notes on (limited) opportunities for AM-band broadcasting into North Korea.

Global Post, 3 Dec 2010, Bradley K. Martin: North Korea's "spontaneously developed market economy ... has made available radio receivers ó basically capable of receiving foreign signals after modification even if the authorities have initially soldered their dials to limit listeners to the state propaganda frequency. ... Meanwhile, largely non-governmental broadcasters staffed partly by defectors from the North have developed sources inside the North who tell them whatís going on up there. Thus they can broadcast local news to listeners in the North. ... Such organizations get little or no support from a South Korean government that fears Northern threats of physical retaliation in case psychological warfare efforts are expanded (and that also anticipates pressures to dissolve such efforts in case of any positive breakthrough in relations with the North). A change in the Southís policy could show it means business. ...

[M]ore money could be spent fruitfully on helping the NGOs ó now often limited to shortwave or even to internet 'radio' broadcasting ó put their broadcasts on AM (medium wave) frequencies, which can reach the largest numbers of listeners in the North. In the absence of South Korean policy change, switching to AM can involve finding transmission facilities outside the Korean peninsula, persuading their owners to let those facilities be used despite the certainty that Pyongyang will object and, finally, paying for that privilege ó which is prohibitively expensive for small outfits without sufficient financial backing." (Posted: 05 Dec 2010, kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

It's curious that Mr. Martin makes no mention of VOA and Radio Free Asia broadcasts in Korean to North Korea, a combined ten hours a day. The exile NGO stations are an interesting and commendable phenomenon,

but, because of newsgathering capability and transmission facilities, VOA and RFA, along with South Korea's KBS, are the most effective conduits of information into North Korea.

Radios which can receive the AM (medium wave) band, albeit with limited tuning capability, have always been available in North Korea. Its tentative (and mostly black) market has allowed in smuggled Chinese radios with full tuning capability, adding FM and often shortwave to the available bands. Although relatively few North Koreans own these radios, their presence does increase the impact of international and exile stations that are available only on shortwave.

It is very unlikely that governments and radio stations outside the Korean peninsula will provide AM airtime for free. And if transmitter sites can be found, AM frequencies which are unoccupied by other stations in the region, so that a clear signal can be delivered into North Korea, are in short supply.

South Korea, of course, would be the best location for AM-band broadcasting into North Korea. After decades of not allowing VOA to relay from its territory, South Korea finally, in 2009, allowed VOA to lease time on religious station FEBC, whose 100-kilowatt transmitter on AM 1188 kHz is near Seoul, for Korean broadcasts into the North. A further policy change would be needed to allow the exile stations to use the AM band from South Korea.

Japan would be the next best location, but it has been even less willing than South Korea to allow relays of international broadcasts from its soil. AM radio broadcasting is, however, on the wane in Japan just as in most other places. Leasing of time to international and exile broadcasters hoping to reach North Korea could provide new sources of revenue. Furthermore, Radio Japan (part of public broadcaster NHK) could put its own Korean broadcasts on the AM band, and bolster its reporting about North Korea.

Russia has some AM transmitter lease opportunities. One is already being used, with success, by VOA and Radio Free Asia. China is, of course, out of the picture. Mongolia has been tried, but, because of distance and other factors, without success.

A very highly directional antenna array in Taiwan (which already leases shortwave and AM airtime to international broadcasters) might deliver a usable AM signal into North Korea, if a clear frequency can be found. This would involve building several towers, placed in long row. Just our luck this expensive and ambitious project would be completed just as South Korea relents on its own policy about AM relays (Kim Andrew Elliott, ibid.)

Washington Post, 3 Dec 2010, Michael Gerson: "South Korea, America and Japan, employing their technology and vast wealth, could attempt to undermine the North Korean regime from within. An aggressive, sustained campaign to break the North Korean information embargo, expose the barbarity and corruption of the regime to its own people, promote the work of dissidents and defectors, and encourage disloyalty among North Korean elites may or may not work. But the alternatives are increasingly unattractive." Posted: 05 Dec 2010 (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

Again, no mention of VOA and RFA broadcasts to North Korea (Kim Andrew Elliott, ibid.)

** KOREA SOUTH. 6015, KBS Hanminjok Bangsong 1 (presumed) via Hwasong, 1328-1335, Dec 7. Free of any jamming; almost fair with light QRM from PBS Xinjiang (// 4330); in Korean; conversations between two men and a woman (their usual format); EZL song; 1329 sounded like singing jingle for the station; BoH one pip.

Is it my imagination or is the jamming being turned off more than usual? Last in the clear on Dec 2 (1308 + 1342-1349) and Nov 25 (1317 to 1507) (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN. 3970.04, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, Salah Al-Din, Northern Iraq, At 1300 on Nov 19 I could hear it a short time without jammer, because they were late returning from 3980. The signal was very weak, but I think there was first a frequency ann giving at least three frequencies and then lady IDs: "In Sedaye Kurdistani Iran" in Farsi. I could not confirm, if this was // with 4880, but probably not. They also signed off much earlier than 4880, on Nov 19, maybe 1330 (Mauno Ritola, Joensuu, Finland, DSWCI DX Window Dec 1 via DXLD)

** KURDISTAN. IRAQ/IRAN. On Nov 24th (and in other bc times also) there were 3 transmitters on the air at 1415 UT but the new one was that on 3932 kHz was V of Kurdistan 1 and on 3971 \\ 4881 kHz V of Kurdistan 2. Both stations are with same name "Voice of Kurdistan" but VOK1 belongs to the Working party and VOK2 - to ?Socialist party? in Iran. Both jammed (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Nov 29, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 4 via DXLD)

** KUWAIT. 21540, just the sub-audible heterodyne (SAH) audible Dec 6 around 1442, denoting R. Kuwait is still colliding here with REE Spain (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KYRGYZSTAN. 5130.00, 1720-1757*, Friday 03.12, R Hit Shortwave, Bishkek (ex 6030) Vernacular conversation, religious hymns, 25322 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, made on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a

28 metres longwire in 9 meters altitude, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** LIBYA. [Re 10-48:] 17800, Voice of Africa, 1553-1605 Dec 5. Woman announcer with news in English followed by ID and a man with commentary about ìThe Problems with Democracy.î Poor in noisy conditions and slight co-channel QRM with // 21695 slightly better (Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA 19610, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4, NASWA Flashsheet Dec 5 via DXLD)

[and non]. 17800, V. of Africa still colliding with DW via PORTUGAL in German, Dec 6 at 1438, just ending news in English about North Korea, Afghanistan, emphasizing Western casualties, with ID, V. of Africa from the Great Jamahiriyah.

At 1443 my scan had reached // 21695, no collision but now VOA is self-QRMing! Besides normal talk in English, mixing with double-speed talk, uncertain language, maybe Arabic, i.e. like playing back a 7.5 ips tape at 15 ips, and failing to keep it off the air!

Rechecked 17800 and the same could be heard there plus DW QRM. 1451 still Qadaffy-Duck vs African geography lesson in English; and still at 1456. What`ll they screw up next? Off with their tape heads!

21695, VOA, Dec 7 at 1458 with frequency announcement as to Africa at ``2-4 pm GMT`` on 21695, and 178--; faded at wrong moment, so not sure the last digits given were 00, where the // really has been and still is contra DW in German. Next noticed at 1510, 21695 seems unmodulated, and not hearing CCI to DW either on 17800.

17725, V. of Africa is back on its original frequency Dec 8 after 15 days colliding with DW on 17800, as first heard Nov 23. 1431 concluding English news by YL, Beethoven`s Ninth riff, MAQ`s Green Book, part 1, description of the problem of democracy (What problem??); DW is indeed in the clear again on 17800, and VOA is still // 21695. Also the modulation is OK again on both altho always a bit muffled, and no self-QRM from double-speed spurious tape playback of something else at the moment. So resolving this took two weeks; would be interesting to know what was going on behind the scenes from DW (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. 5010, 1839 Nov. 29, Radio Madagascar, pop songs, very good signal, but carrier modulated only on the upper side (Giampiero Bernardini in Pescia, Tuscany, with Perseus and 30 meters wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5010, Radio Madagascar quite strong in language at 1452-1459 [Dec 5]

with pop music, ads, and M/F announcers. Full ID in French with frequency, then in language by M voice. Pop music, almost South Sea flavor. This still sounds like USB, some sort of suppressed carrier, as AM is poor listening. Heard past 1511. Latin (Spanish language) QRM from CB like talking, M/F voices (Jim Young, Wrightwood, CA, IC-756-ProIII and 80M inverted vee up 70 feet, NASWA yg via DXLD)

5010, Radio Madagasikara (Ambohidrano), 0234-0245, 12/7/2010, Malagasy. Talk by man. Pop music at 0235, more European than African. A couple of rooster sounds at 0239, then lively local pops. At 0243, man and woman with multiple IDs and talk with off and on Jingle Bells in the background. Drums at 0245 followed by ID and talk by man. Good to very good signal with moderate fading (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, IC-R75, RX-340, Random Wire (90'), ALA100M Loops (16' and 20'), DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. 6049.6v, Suara Islam (Voice of Islam) via RTM at Kajang, 1545-1558, Dec 8. Islamic programming (reciting from the Qurían, etc.); 1558 choral National Anthem; fair; // 6175.0 (mixing with CNR1) and 9750 (under QRM). Suara Islam program ended at 1600 and Salam FM started.

Salam FM via RTM at Kajang, 1600-1604*, Dec 8. In vernacular; reciting from the Qurían; ìRadio Malaysia Salam FMî and several singing ìSalam FMî IDs. This audio feed is just filler till they turn off the transmitter, which varies from day to day.

Audio of singing Anthem and Salam FM station jingle at
http://www.mediafire.com/?95nsn9c5z194y5l
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALI. 9635, R. Mali, Bamako. December 04, 0807-0817 vernacular talks by male ìMaliî. Weak but clear, deteriorating from 0814, 24332 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil, SW40 - Dipoles and Longwire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 6185, R. EducaciÛn has been heard several times with news in Spanish from R. Francia Internacional after 0600, but not UT Sat Dec 4 at 0606; instead, YL DJ introducing folk music from Norway, hauntingly chilly vocal soloist; fast SAH from Vatican went away by 0620.

The latest but somewhat outdated program grid for XEEP 1060,
http://www.radioeducacion.edu.mx/programaciondelmes/
for 18 Oct-7 Nov shows RFI news M-F at 0603-0633 UT.

This MW relay sked applies for XEPPM 6185 at 0600-1200, while at 0000-

0600 it has a separate schedule, at the bottom of the same page. And which does not admit to being on the air as we have heard it before 0000 UT = before 1800 local (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6185, XEPPM, Radio EducaciÛn ñ Mexico City, 1210, 12/4/10, in Spanish. Classical guitar until 1230 when there was a full ID in Spanish followed by more classical guitar until signal was lost or abruptly off at 1235. Fair (Mark Taylor, Madison WI, Winradio g313e, Eton E1, Satellit 800, Kaito 1103; Flextenna, EWE, attic mounted Eavesdropper, NASWA Flashsheet Dec 5 via DXLD) Another overtime (gh)

** MEXICO. Shortly after hearing KEEL-710 news on KWKH-1130 [see USA], I came to 710 itself, Dec 6 at 1345, instead best but weak signal quickly recognized by jingle ``La Ranchera de CuauhtÈmoc``, was XEDP, temp un grado, SAH with presumed KGNC, the latter yet to start daytime domination (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. As I tuned by 940 with WKY 930 OKC nulled, heard something in Spanish, ID as XEEJ, Dec 5 at 1342. Or so I thought: closest match is XEYJ, Sabinas, Coahuila. No doubt about the jota, but the e could have been a ye (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONACO [non?]. 4363, 1308 Dec. 1, Monaco Radio, Maritime, Mediterranean info in French & English, very good (Giampiero Bernardini in Pescia, Tuscany, with Perseus and 30 meters wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also FRANCE

** MYANMAR [and non]. 5770, looking for GUAM 5765-USB, instead get a weak carrier here, Dec 4 at 1314, but it disappears by 1315. Maybe Defence Forces station, only known broadcaster on frequency, scheduled 1130-1530, notwithstanding Aoki still showing R. Miskut, Nicaragua! High time that was removed (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, On Dec 4, when I checked at 1423, Myanmar was noticeably off the air on 5770, so seems it did not start up again after 1315. Rare for them not to make it through to 1530*. BTW ñ AFN Guam (5765-USB) was off the air at today (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Dec 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I think I was hearing Myanmar on 7200 last evening (December 2nd) with typical Music. This was at 1130 UT and it went off after an anthem at about 1050. Sorry I was listening to another channel for a moment and when I came back the carrier was gone. Tried to find it on the 49 meter band and discovered AFN Guam on 5765 at 1055 but the audio although strong enough was poor because the presenters were speaking too fast (Robin Harwood VK7RH, Norwood, Tasmania 7250, Radio Monitor SWLR-KS001, Dec 3, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5770, Myanmar Defense Forces Br. St. (presumed), random checking from 1315 to 1529*, Dec 5. No early sign off today as Glenn noted yesterday; in vernacular; pop songs; always enjoy their distinctive BoH format of indigenous musical selection followed by military marching band; also played indigenous musical selection just before going off; heard well above the norm (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR [non]. 7515, Dec 4 at 1351 Burmese talk about Mongolia and Sarkozy (is there some connexion of relevance to the Myanmarianese?). No jamming on sufficient signal, from R. Free Asia, via TINIAN (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 11655, at 1929 Dec 3, RN ID giving four frequencies for different regions of Africa; 7425, 9895, 11615 and 11655. The latter had sufficient reception in faraway CNAm, abandoned by RN as an intentional target. Compared to 11615, and there was no contest, barely audible there. There should not be so much difference as 11615 is 250 kW, 330 degrees from South Africa, while 11655 is 250 kW, 300 degrees from Madagascar. No need to check the others: 9895 Sri Lanka, 7425 Madagascar (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. 5950, 1343 Dec. 1, Radio New Zealand, Reports and interviews, several IDs, songs, English, fair, fading, very early in afternoon (Giampiero Bernardini, from Pescia in Tuscany, Perseus with 30 m wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NICARAGUA. Hi Glenn, Here's an interesting item I discovered in one of the Wikileaks documents concerning media abuses by President Daniel Ortega's government. The US Embassy cable is dated May 5, 2006, but there is no ref. as to when the beating incident took place.

"The FSLN regime eliminated nearly all independent media in Nicaragua, censored all sensitive information, and constantly harassed La Prensa and the two main independent radio stations that survived. Journalists were regularly arrested and held without charge, La Prensa was shut down on numerous occasions, and many journalists and editors were forced into exile.

"On one occasion, Interior Minister Tomas Borge summoned journalist JosÈ Castillo Osejo to his home and then personally physically assaulted him. Castillo, currently a National Assembly deputy, was one of the owners of the independent Radio CorporaciÛn, and had often used the station to criticize the FSLN. At the same time, the regime monitored phone calls, opened private mail, and used its control of the media, and its famous literacy campaign, to bombard the Nicaraguan people with communist propaganda."

73s (Marty DelfÌn, Madrid, Spain, Dec 6, DX LISENING DIGEST)

** NIGER. 9705, La Voix du Sahel (tentative); 2105-2115+, 29-Nov; Long commentary in French to bumper at 2110 then into phone call? Mentioned Niamey. Poor at tune-in, about = QRN & ute clatter; improved to SIO=3+32 by 2110. Lousy, but best heard in quite a while (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9704.99, 2218 Nov. 29, La Voix du Sahel, Niger, in French, phone talks and songs, fair - very good on 30 Nov at 2250 closing daily program with many IDs, Holy Kuran, National Hymn. Signal off at 2301. - REC (Giampiero Bernardini, in Pescia, Tuscany (Italy) with Perseus and a 30 meters wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) What does REC mean ñ you recorded it??

** NIGERIA. 9690, Voice of Nigeria (tentative); 1704, 4-Dec; M in unknown language with mentions of Nigeria & Abuja. SIO=353 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9690 - NIGERIA. Voice of Nigeria at 2103 with West African pop music. ID in English by male 2112 with info on future music program. Turntable sounds a bit off speed. Powerful, clean signal (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, Eton E1-XM, A/D DX sloper, Dec 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9690, Dec 7 at 2215, strong signal with continuous African music, drumming and vocal, electronically enhanced; 2234 brief announcement, breaking up, French? Should be Hausa. And more music. It`s Voice of Nigeria, now here ex-7255, vacant.

Per Aoki, sked on 7255 was: 19 English, 20 French, 21 Fulfulde, 22-23 Hausa. John Figliozzi, NY, was also hearing VON on 9690 at 2103 Dec 7, in English. Harold Frodge logged 9690 Dec 4 at 1704 in language. Seems this frequency is gaining priority for VON.

No QRM noted when I was listening, but there are other claimants of 9690 per HFCC (in which Nigeria does not participate):
15-16 CRI Bengali via Kunming
17-18 RRI French via Tiganeshti
19-22 REE French (et al.? Wooden?)
20-21 DW English via Woofferton
2145- WYFR Portuguese
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [and non]. 7350, 0540 24 Oct, R. Nigeria, Abuja, probably IS at 0546, NA, talk at 0549, time-check, IDs, English, poor (Jerry Berg, Lexington MA, Dec BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Checking 7350 for possible R. Nigeria, Abuja, which was here in October, but a difficult catch apparently due to unfavorable direxionality: Dec 3 at 0558 I am hearing a very weak signal past 0600, but probably BBC Skelton. I asked James MacDonell in Nigeria to check out the frequency:

``Radio Nigeria Abuja has been missing from 7350 since the very end of October. I assume the transmitter has broken down again as I can't find them on any new frequency. Since the new season started around that time I am now hearing the BBC in French from 0600-0630 on 7350.

[Later:] I have just done a quick bandscan and discovered (presumed) Radio Abuja Nigeria back on their old frequency of 7275. Heard today 03/12/2010 at 0756 with the Network Service of Radio Nigeria. 0757 the network programme finished but there was no ID and transmitter went off the air. I will monitor further.``

If Nigeria starts 7275 around 0540/0600 as it did 7350, should be uncovered by Tunisia when that quits at 0627 like clockwork. Also Iran in Arabic is on 7350 until 0530 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7275.00, R Nigeria, Abuja, 0638, Dec 04, English news item on environmental protection, back here from 7350. Co-channel Xinjiang PBS noted weakly in the background. This confirms James McDonnell's observation which I did not read about until later this morning. 73, (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [and non]. 7350, GERMANY. UNID Radio Miami International brokered station via Wertachtal, 0540-0600* Dec 1. Found this while looking for Radio Nigeria, Abuja. Mainly African vocals with drums hosted by a man in presumed African language, maybe Hausa? Poor to fair. HFCC list shows WRMI for 0530-0600 (Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA 19610, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4, NASWA Flashsheet Dec 5 via DXLD)

The WRMI website as of Dec 4 shows:
Relay Transmissions via Germany for B10 Season:
Freq Start End Zones Power Azimuth Days
 7350 0530-0600 46 100 180 23456
 9840 1930-2000 46 100 180 23456
17485 1400-1430 46 100 180 2 4 6 [see also ETHIOPIA [non]]

These are something new. Jeff White tells me it`s a commercial, not

clandestine service in Hausa to Nigeria, officially starting Dec 6, but who can identify it? 180 degrees from Wertachtal. I wonder if it`s one which existed previously, relaying a local FM station, whose name I can`t remember. Is it coincidental that 7350 was chosen, recently occupied by R. Nigeria, Abuja?

Looking for the new unID target broadcast in Hausa via RMI via Wertachtal, GERMANY, scheduled M-F 0530-0600 on 7350: Dec 6 at 0545 only a trace of a carrier here, which could equally be Abuja; fortunately, no spur from VOR/GUF on 7349 as previously. I myself missed checking 17485 M/W/F at 1400-1430, but the other broadcast may have a chance here, 1930-2000 M-F on 9840. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Trying to monitor the new commercial service in Hausa to Nigeria via Wertachtal, GERMANY, Hamada Radio International, as IDed by James MacDonell: Monday Dec 6 at 1928, tune-in 9840 to find that WHRI is axually on the air! During a portion of their mostly-wooden registered schedule. Current online WHR sked shows M-F 1900-2000 on Angel 2 is ``Shepherd`s Chapel``, 25 degrees to eastern ``Canada``.

At 1930 a SAH starts at about 3.5 Hz, and traces of audio under, which must be the new Nigerian service at 1930-2000 M-F, but quite blocked here. I wonder if WHRI is a problem in Nigeria? Its beam if it carries on goes considerably eastward of there. Jeff White says reception seems to be OK in Nigeria.

The morning transmission M-F 0530-0600 on 7350 is not making it here either, but judging from bits of Brother Scare on 17485 after 1500, same azimuth, the middle one of HRI, a.k.a. R. Hamada, at 1400-1430 on 17485 would have the best chance, M/W/F only (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It`s unclear whether Abuja is back on 7350, or 7275, or both: (gh)

7350, 0544 Dec. 1, Radio Nigeria, Abuja, African songs, Identification, good - REC (Giampiero Bernardini, from Pescia in Tuscany, Perseus with 30 m wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Our monitor in Nigeria, James MacDonell, has the scoop:

Glenn, The logging from Italy could be correct but I can't confirm it. I hadn't been hearing Radio Nigeria Abuja on any frequency for some time and had got out of the habit of checking. Maybe they had only just reactivated the transmitter and then made the frequency change. My first logging of 3 Dec was only a brief transmission on 7275 but since then I have been hearing them daily:

7275, Radio Nigeria Abuja National Station ("The Voice of Unity"), now heard daily (4, 5, 6/12/2010). Sign-on is before 0600 but at this time the frequency is dominated by another station (Tunisia?). Announced sign-on for 5 Dec was 0545, but the next day 0530. Sign-off always around 1200. Signal is not strong so probably low power.

Thanks for the info on the new service in Hausa for Nigeria via Germany. This morning I monitored the first broadcast of the day and will try later to catch the other times also. For now here is my report:

7350, Hamada Radio International, 0530, 06/12/2010. New target broadcast to Nigeria (via Germany). Good signal (slightly fluttery with some splash from very strong R France International in French on 7340). 30 minute programme in Hausa identifying as Hamada Radio International, and also as Radio Hamada. A couple of times a phone number in Nigeria and an e-mail address were given out. Sign-off was just before 0600, at the same time as BBC in French starts using the same frequency.

Programming was very professional with world news, followed by correspondent reports from Nigeria and Ghana, and sports report towards the end of the broadcast. This has to be a revival of the former Aso Radio International from Abuja (last heard in April or May 2009). The format is the same and I even recognise some of the musical jingles used. Note that Aso Radio International was always a distinct (pre-recorded) programme in Hausa and not simply a relay of the FM station Aso Radio in Abuja.

I don't understand much Hausa, but my translation of the schedule given at 0554 is: "in the morning, 41 metres; in the daytime, 16 metres; in the night, 31 metres." According to my Hausa dictionary, "hamada" (second vowel is stressed) means "desert" (in particular the Sahara Desert). (James MacDonell, Nigeria, December 6, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, Further observations on the new target broadcast to Nigeria:

Mon 06/12/2010:
7350, Hamada Radio International, 0530-0600, news & reports as previously reported.
17485, Hamada Radio International, 1400-1430, repeat of 0530 broadcast.
9840, Hamada Radio International, 1930-2000, new programme, some Hausa songs.

Tue 07/12/2010:
7350, Hamada Radio International, 0532-0600, programme started about

2 minutes late. 0551, metre bands and local times announced but "daytime" broadcast incorrectly given as 1430-1500.
17485, no transmission at 1400, confirming schedule as only Mon, Wed, Fri at this time
9840, Hamada Radio International, 1930-2000, mostly Hausa songs, broadcast time announced incorrectly as 1900-1930, phone numbers in UK and Niger Republic read out.

On 08/12/2010, I noted that the 1400 broadcast was again a repeat of the previous one (0530).

I have no idea if this station has any particular agenda, but I observe their broadcast times are identical to 3 of the 4 daily BBC transmissions in Hausa. The times of Hausa services from other major international broadcasters tend to be staggered so listeners are able to hear them consecutively (James MacDonell (Niger State, Nigeria), Dec 8, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17485, finally a log of Hamada Radio International here, in the clear Wednesday Dec 8 at 1422 tune-in, during presumably Hausa music, fair with slow fades, peaking S9+12; 1423 YL announcement, music with drumming; 1426 ID in passing by YL. I notice that the talk has a pronounced echo which I don`t hear during the music --- self-imposed to sound cool and decrease readability, rather than long path, I think. Final music is axually a singing ID/jingle with many mentions of ``Hamada . . . International . . . Hamada Radio . . . Hamada``. 1428 drumming without IDs, 1429 brief announcement without music, 1429:20 dead air, until a puny tone before 1430*.

This is the M/W/F 1400-1430 broadcast via RMI via M&B due south from Wertachtal, GERMANY. I suspect the Hausa are not hurting for plenty of music on local radio, so why bother to shortwave it via this circuitous route? Where does this service originate, anyway? I assume the first part of the broadcast was more substantial with news, etc. (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. Mac Shortwave: 3275.9/AM, 0546-0554+, 0626, 4-Dec; Ultraman interview with Obama, who responds in Charlie Brown voice; Helter Skelter; greetings to Ragnar; Elvis' Hound Dog; TV theme songs. SIO=454-.

3275.9/AM, 0146-0157+, 5-Dec; M-A-C, the station that Paul Starr never listens to; Elvis & Beatles; Ultraman Show spot into Obama interview. Apparently same show as previous night. SIO=454- (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. THE SPY ABANDONS THE AIRWAVES TO BECOME ONLINE-ONLY STATION
http://okc.biz/article/12-04-2010/The_Spy_abandons_the_airwaves_to_become_online-only_station.aspx

After online rumors surfaced tonight that local alternative radio station 105.3 FM The Spy will leave the airwaves at midnight, inside employees confirmed the report is true. Sources said, "It was a deal gone bad."

The Spy's on-air personality and ringleader, Ferris O'Brien, was not available for comment. However, O'Brien stated on Twitter and Facebook around 10 p.m., "Hope is not lost. It just has a new road map. We are not gone. We are just changing our format. We will still be streaming from thespyfm.com."

Inside sources said, "I'm looking for a new job."

Ironically, the station just celebrated its one-year anniversary last Friday night with a multiartist concert at The 51st Street Speakeasy.

HISTORY OF SPIES

As fans know all too well, the shutdown is not the first for The Spy's brand.

OíBrien earned a degree in print journalism from the University of Oklahoma, but his radio career began in 1989 at KDGE-FM in Dallas, and later took a job in California, where he lived as a child. He worked on-air in San Diego for a few years before returning to Oklahoma in the late í90s to work for KHBZ-FM, which was then alternative radio station 95X.

Later, he left 95X and Oklahoma City for a post at Stillwaterís KSPI-FM. When that station changed formats in 2000, OíBrien joined KSYY-FM, an alternative station owned by radio giant Citadel Communications. He helmed KSYYís switch to an alternative format in 2002, creating what would become The Spyís signature: underground, obscure and atypical rock íní roll, presented by OíBrien and other DJs, including Chainsaw Kittens front man Tyson Meade.

In June 2004, The Spy died, and KSYY was reformatted into regional Mexican station La Indomable. OíBrien stuck with Citadel and moved back to Oklahoma City, where he kept The Spy brand alive ó barely ó with a one-hour Thursday night show broadcast ìfrom a converted closetî at the companyís mother station, KATT-FM.

In March 2009, he approached Larry Bastida, the market manager for

Citadel in Oklahoma City.

ìI told him that I had a crazy idea,î OíBrien told Oklahoma Gazette last December. ìHe kind of looked at me like, ëOh, shit, what in the hell do you want to do?íî

OíBrien wanted to bring The Spy back, this time on his own, and said he was surprised by Bastidaís interest, willingness and moral support, which helped convince Citadel to turn the reins over to the DJ.

ìWeíve always had a good relationship,î OíBrien, said about Bastida, adding that The Spy wouldnít have launched without his bossí blessing. ìHe vouched for me with Citadel. ìIím not sure it would have happened as smoothly, as friendly as it did without him. Heís the one that brought The Spy back to Oklahoma City. He thought it was a good move.î (via Kevin Redding, TN, Dec 4, ABDX via DXLD)

From this story you`d never know what station they are really talking about: KINB, COL Kingfisher OK, only 930 watts ERP. FCC info at: http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/fmq?list=0&facid=88376

Note that FCC has finally replaced defunct US Census maps with Google maps: shows coverage area barely into NW corner of OKC, from site closer to Okarche (helps a little) than to Kingfisher.

Also totally unclear is whether this transmitter is being closed down and put off the air, or the old format is merely going away, which to those involved is virtually the same thing.

Why does the story refer to and headline this as KSYY? FCC callsign history shows that was valid only from March 6, 2003 until Aug 17, 2004 when it became KINB. The current KSYY is 96.5 in Ingram TX! The Indomable Spanish format was // WKY 930 for a while, and very much continues there.

Besides the low power, we have a local on 105.5, so can`t get KINB from Enid (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15140, R. Sultanate of Oman, 1503, Dec 2. Thursday only relay of ì90.4 FMî (R. Sultanate of Oman) in English; DJ with British accent (assume it was Adam) playing pop songs in English; 1516 suddenly switched over to Arabic; series of dramatizations; 1600 chimes + bell rung once; news headlines in Arabic. By 1512 the signal was quickly improving up to almost good; assume the strong signal was the result of outstanding propagation. My local sunrise was 1504 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140, R. Sultanate of Oman, 1522, Dec 3. In Arabic; not quite as good as yesterday; best after my local sunrise (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. Re: DX LISTENING DIGEST 10-48, December 1, 2010 ---
15140 was not on the air Dec. 7 1400-1500. 73, (Erik Koie, Denmark, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140, Dec 8 at 1439 R. Sultanate of Oman barely audible tho S9+10, undermodulated or intermittent? Maybe in Arabic; 1441 music, overloading from WYFR 15130 a problem. 1443 sounds like YL in English. Other reports indicate RSO English is rather sporadic, sometimes appearing partly after 1500 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Why not checking the webstream for RADIO OMAN in English?

I've checked webstream, and it is working at 1725z Dec. 08 (WMA 12 kbps, 8 kHz, stereo):
mms://82.178.28.24/MOIenfm
73 (Dragan Lekic, Serbia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

At 1750 Dec. 8 the loading stops at 64% on all programs from http://www.oman-tv.gov.om/rdeng/default.asp incl. the quoted one. I shall keep on trying! Thanks for the tip! 73, (Erik Koie, CPH, ibid.)

When loading in Windows Player stops, just close it, and restart player, and then will (probably) work for sure :) (DRAGAN Lekic, Serbia, ibid.)

** PAKISTAN. PBC CHANGES TIMINGS OF ITS REGIONAL BULLETINS | Text of report by official news agency Associated Press of Pakistan (APP)

Islamabad, 2 Dec (APP):The Pakistan Broadcasting Cooperation (PBC), Radio has changed the timings of its Punjabi, Sindhi, Pashto, Balochi, Kashmiri and Sheena, languages bulletins. The timings were changed in the wake of the decision to air the NBS programmes "Hamaray Akhbar" and "Naye Uffaq" from FM-93 Network, says a press release.

The Punjabi bulletin that was being aired at 0810 hrs will now be aired at 0720 hours, Sindhi bulletin of 0817 hrs at 0727 hours, Pushto bulletin of 0824 hrs at 0734 hrs, Baluchi bulletin of 0845 hrs at 0741 hrs, and Kashmiri bulletin of 0750 hrs at 0748 hrs.

Similarly Sheena language bulletin that was previously broadcast at 1920 hrs will now be broadcast at 1750 hrs and Baluchi bulletin of 1930 hrs at 1831 hrs.

The new timings of local Urdu bulletin from Radio Pakistan Rawalpindi are 0645 hrs instead of 1940 hrs. Source: Associated Press of Pakistan news agency, Islamabad, in English 0951 gmt 2 Dec 10 (via BBCM via DXLD) Times look like they are original local UT +5 not converted (gh)

** PAKISTAN. 15099.99, R. Pakistan Islamabad in Urdu / English, 11/28 1046-1105 (heard in // 17700 with good audio & signal till 1055, then decreasing audio & signal from fair to poor with several fast QSB & strong rustle), local chants with instrumental music & OM brief announcements in Urdu at times mentioning Pakistani, OM longer announcement at 1059, music break & time pips (final pip at 1059:49), OM ID "This is Radio Pakistan...", into program in English (with bit muffled audio) OM news till 1105 then feature talk progrm, very good (Giovanni Serra, ITALY, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** PAKISTAN. STEPS TAKEN TO MODERNISE RADIO PAKISTAN | Text of report by official news agency Associated Press of Pakistan (APP)

Islamabad, 6 Dec (APP): A number of initiatives have been taken to transform Radio Pakistan into a modern media organization devoted to the cause of serving the masses and the country.

It was noted on the concluding session of the four-day workshop on the Role of Media in Disaster Reporting held at PBC Headquarters here on Monday [6 December].

It was jointly organized by Asia Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development, Commonwealth Broadcasting Association and Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation.

Addressing the concluding ceremony, Director-General Radio Pakistan Murtaza Solangi in line with modernising Radio Pakistan, 2010 was declared as Year of Radio and numerous plans were chalked out including human resources development to cater to the emerging trends in broadcasting.

The DG said two training workshops are simultaneously in progress while a major one would be organized during the current month to project tales of survival during devastating floods.

He said an important aspect of the policy of the PBC is to actively cooperate with the private media in human resource development as well as exchange of programmes and sharing of information.

The Coordinator of the Workshop Chu Pui Hing said the interactive workshop would go a long way in helping the participants contribute towards disaster planning and reporting in future in an effectively manner. He hoped that it would be beneficial for all the media

organization whose representatives attended the workshop.

Representatives of private media and PBC also shared their experiences of the workshop with the audience.

Later, the DG distributed certificates among the participants belonging to PBC, PTV, private television and FM channels as well as National Press Club Islamabad.

He also gave away insignia of PBC to the course coordinator.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan news agency, Islamabad, in English 1441 gmt 6 Dec 10 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3905, R. New Ireland, 1333-1347, Dec 1. Special coverage of a speech given in English for the observance of World AIDS Day; ìN-B-C New Irelandî ID.

5960, Radio Fly (presumed), 1630-1650, Nov 29. Pop songs (Beatles ìLove Me Doî, etc.); a few announcements in English but could not make them out; poor, but during earlier checks starting about 1315 was unable to hear them at all (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3290, NBC Central, 1323-1327, Dec 6. In Tok Pisin; pop island songs. After New Ireland went off on 3905 at 1404*, I noted this with children singing (anthem) till 1406*.

3905, R. New Ireland, 1336-1346, Dec 6. In Tok Pisin; pop island songs; DJ with dedications; gave address: ìN-B-C New Ireland, PO Box 477, Kavieng or into studio 984 2489î; singing jingle for ìnumber one radio stationî. Anthem and 1404*. Audio clip with the address posted at http://www.mediafire.com/?w2eggcedcxe973u
1339-1340, Dec 7. DJ with nice pop island music; stronger than yesterday.

Dec 7 noted both 3290 and 3905 in parallel; ìNews Roundupî with news and sports in English from tune in at 1306 to 1308, at which time both stations went back to their local programs in Tok Pisin (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 6019.26, 0444 Dec. 1, Radio Victoria, Perˇ, talks, weak, no QRM (Giampiero Bernardini, from Pescia in Tuscany, Perseus with 30 m wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) So 3 x = 18057.78

** PERU. 4747, OAZ5B Radio Huanta 2000; 1033-1043+, 1056-1101+, 5-Dec; Long Andean tunes, no breaks till retune @1056 w/ID & promos. SIO=343-, covered briefly by ute rumble.

4955, OAX5S Radio Cultural Amauta; 1048-1055+, 5-Dec; M&W in Spanish with Andean music & religious announcements for Huanta; W has odd accent, maybe a Quechua speaker. SIO=353.

6019.3, Radio Victoria; 0520-0530+, 4-Dec; Sing-song preacher in Spanish with many glorias & several mentions of Peru. SIO=3+43, USB helps. // 9720, SIO=443-

9720, Radio Victoria (presumed); 0206-0216+, 5-Dec; Sing-song preacher in Portuguese with mentions of Brasil. Good with pulse QRM. // 4935.2, Radio Capixaba, Brasil?! SIO=2+22 w/swiper QRM. 6020 Victoria covered. 1119, 5-Dec; Same sing-song preacher in PP + W in PP alternating. Under Family Radio via Russia in Chinese which changed to English at 1121. 6020 covered by Australia (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. 9570, good with classical guitar music, Dec 6 1535; 1538 into a movement from the Trout Quintet, lovely. 1543 bells and R. Blagovest ID, 1544 talk, sermon? in Russian. This is via R. Veritas Asia, 331 degrees from PHILIPPINES. Official targets of this are eastern Kazakhstan, most of Mongolia, and really the Russian regions immediately north of those, but not the northernmost Arctic tier of central Sibir. Kudos on their musical taste (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES [non]. 15350, Dec 2 at 1500 R. Veritas Asia ID, language presumed Tagalog a.k.a. Filipino. This is the hour relayed by VATICAN back to the Mideast, 250 kW, 130 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** POLAND [non]. Re DXLD 10-48: ``Strange Polish radio outlet via Rampisham 500 kW powerhouse --- U.K./POLAND, 7265 kHz on Nov 25th at 1906 UT heard an strange echo program of PRWarsaw in Hebrew. The spoken part was echoed by two different Hebrew text readers, the followed music singer was in the clear again though. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, with a clip to gh, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It sounds like a mix of two programmes to begin with, but it would be necessary to understand the language to be absolutely sure of what the cause was. I wonder if the satellite link from Poland to the UK could have been faulty. We may never know!!!!!! 73 (from Noel Green, England, ibid.)``

NEVER SAY NEVER AGAIN :)

The following happened that day: the anchor read the news live, but

the audio technician hit the button by mistake, and didn't notice he played prerecorded program segment during the news bulletin!!!

You can DOWNLOAD that audio recording from WRN ftp server:
ftp://193.42.152.150/archive/2010/11/25/polonia_hebrew_1900_20101125_32.mp4
MP4 (AAC LC) 6.7 MB (6,951,428 bytes) [AAC LC = Advanced Audio Codec - Low Compression = MP4 audio]

You can listen to double voice of the same anchor at 01:39-05:29 into the file, and you can hear the above mentioned program segment alone at 09:47-13:37 into the recording. Kind regards from chilly Subotica! (Dragan Lekic', Serbia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** POLAND [non]. Hi all, just a little note to let you know that Polish Radio English coming in very well on 9650 at 1800 UT relay from UAE on December 6th. Listening with my Kenwood R-5000 and 20 meter outdoor wire (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: 9650, Polish Radio; *1800, 4-Dec; ID into English, Europe East news features. SIO=4+54- (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL. Re 10-48: New Antenna SINES Portugal. Imagery for Sines-POR site was updated in the latest GE imagery update (Nov 16, 2010).

I note a new antenna (2 masts) having been erected between image dates: Oct 30, 2006 & Aug 28, 2009.

New antenna located here: 37 56 27.35 N 08 46 09.62 W
Does anyone have any information on the new antenna? Not often SW sites are expanded these days (Ian Baxter, Australia, shortwavesites yg Nov 21 via Wolfgang B¸schel via DXLD) (...)

>>> This has been passed to me days ago, and I have already explained this is *not* new, it is a 40∫, 300 Ohm fed, folded dipole curtain array in front of a reflector, all hanging from two ca. 70 m high towers. This curtain is used for the 75 m band, and was installed, say, 2-3 years ago.

Not distant, are two 40 m high towers for two vertical, phased LPs used for 35∫/55∫/75∫. This phased pair is used when maintenance on the other three curtain arrays is needed (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, Dec 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL. Re 10-48, 1035 kHz: (...) Thanks Fernando for your help. I already suspected it was R·dio Clube, but I didn't manage to hear any ID. Anyway signal is much weaker than usual. The dominant station on this channel here is RAI now and in the past R·dio Clube was clearly dominant. Perhaps they are testing with a lower power (Artur Fern·ndez Llorella, Spain, HCDX Nov 22, ibid.)

>>> There's only one good reason why the signal is probably weaker: instead of the typical 1/3 of the nominal 100 kW power level (authorised level is 120 kW), they [administration] probably instructed the personel to step it down even further.

However, I do not notice any signal decrease when observed from a longer distance [175 km] rather than the usual 33 km. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, Dec 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL [and non]. 12040 collision continues between RDPI and RHC. Dec 1 at 2020, RDPI is on the air even tho it`s a weekday, because of a silly ballgame qualifying as an `extraordinary emission`. It`s way atop RHC which can be heard underneath with music // 11760, and making a SAH of 2.5 Hz. At 2045 also find RHC is // 11730 11760 15230, 2047 program ID as Sonido Cubano. Next check at 2152, still colliding but the SAH is worse as Cuba is stronger, Portugal weaker. 2234 now RDPI is off leaving RHC there alone.

12040, RDPI in heavy collision with RHC, Monday Dec 6 at 1931. There must be a clearer frequency on 25m for one or the other; Cuba`s ex-12030 would have been OK, except Spain is on it at 19-21 in Arabic, French (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CUBA

** PRIDNESTROVYE. 7565, Dec 4 at 1353, OC and tones off and on, so a CIS tune-up; 1402 it`s in S Asian language mentioning Family Radio, i.e. Urdu via Grigoriopol` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA [and non]. 17540, Dec 5 at 1451, S. Bend address, so what else but WHRI? *1457.5 OC and RRI IS overlaps for a semiminute, WHRI QSY announcement to 15680 and off 1458*, then RRI clear, 1500 into Arabic with strange Romanian accent. Both of them are targeting CIRAF 37 = Iberia and NW Africa (how did those two regions in different continents wind up in the same CIRAF?) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Rom,nia Actualitatsi on 6145, 0515-0557* American and British tunes, including Romanian pop, sports roundup, special reports. First time heard on this frequency at this time. SIO 444. Sony ICF-77, telescopic antenna (Marty DelfÌn, Madrid, Spain, Dec 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 6005, Adygey radio from Maykop heard on Nov 22 at 1800-1900 UT on 6005 in Adygeyan and in Arabic and not in Turkish as earlier (maybe Turkish is used on Fridays?). Adygey is on the air on 6005 kHz Mon and Fri 1800-1900 UT and Sun 1900-2000 UT. No broadcasts from Kabardino-Balkar and Cherkess radio in their traditional times were in October and in November, resp on 7325 and 6005 kHz (Rumen Pankov, Bulbaria, Nov 22, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 4 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. [Kaliningrad exclave], 5975, bad audio observed of V of Russia in Serbian at 16-18 UT, distorted audio at 1630 UT Dec 2. Much better audio quality on \\ 6000 kHz. (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, Dec 2, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 4 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Radio Moscow versus Voice Of Russia --- Today I listened to a few old tapes I made in the 80s of Radio Moscow. Is it just me, but I really feel they should go back to Moscow Nights before the hour. Or should they do something better than what they are using now. It sounds as if someone went to a local market and bought a cheap CASIO keyboard and said look guys a new intro for each hour.

What I have noticed with the programming is they may have a name change, but there new on the hour is not updated often. I compared it to news on RT, which was more informative (Keith Perron, Taiwan, Dec 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Keith: The current tune on VORWS is called "The [Great] Gates Of Kiev" and is an updated version of its first version they use as an nterval signal between programs. I remember they used to use "Moscow Nights" before the top of the hour, and one announcer recently griped about the station going through all its changes in name, style, even the fact that "Moscow Mailbag" could be leaving the air soon. It was founded by The Late Joe Adamov years ago. The Good Old Days of radio are gone. 73's, (Noble West, Clinton TN, at BrainmanMedia Services, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also GUIANA FRENCH

** RUSSIA [non]. VOICE OF RUSSIA COMING TO CHENNAI

In an effort to expand its footprint in India, Russia's veteran radio station Voice of Russia is planning to launch FM broadcasts in Chennai, the company's head said. ìWe have plans to increase our presence in India and are currently looking for a partner in Chennai to broadcast in the FM band,î Voice of Russia president Andrei Bystritsky told The Hindu. . .
http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Chennai/article931889.ece
73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. 6075, R. Rossii, Pet/Kam, Dec 4 at 1348, now the motorboating is so bad, that musical modulation is just barely audible

under it. See also UNID 6074 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RWANDA. 6055, 1715 Nov. 29, Radio Rwanda, talks with some interview, mentioning many times Rwanda, maybe economics, in Vernacular, good (Giampiero Bernardini, from Pescia in Tuscany, Perseus with 30 m wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Current schedules indicate 17-18 is the best window for this now in Europe during a SLOVAKIA break: soon to go away completely (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DXLD)

6055, Radio Rwanda (presumed); 2025-2035+, 3-Dec; M&W in Afro language taking phone calls; no BoH break. SIO=2+42+ (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SARAWAK [non]. 7590, RF Sarawak with S9 dead carrier 2227 Dec 3. Passes 2230 but sis ot [sic; means does not??] start. Tuning back at 2234 there was a program with supposedly phone in, in Bahasa Malaysia, a commentary by the interviewed mentioning the religion of a Minister (Islamic), 35323 with good modulation (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Free Sarawak sent me a QSL card using PFC after 16 days for my reception report in English with 1 IRC to Bruno Manser Fonds in Switzerland. PFC QSL is signed and stamped. QSL signer cannot be read out due to [not] too good hand writing. Mailing Address:
c/o Bruno Manser Fonds, Socinstrasse 37, 4051 Basel, Switzerland
URL: http://www.radiofreesarawak.org
E-mail: info @ radiofreesarawak.org
(Takahito Akabayashi, Japan, Dec 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. BSKSA Riyad good on 15250 kHz 1200-1227 c/d after splatter from 15255 kHz ended. News and Sports in a Week on 5 December and again 6 December with news, Environmental Issues and pop music until 1227 c/d. - Anyone who can give me their correct e-mail address? (Ullmar Qvick, Norrkˆping, Sweden, Dec 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17705, BSKSA, as I bytuned Dec 7 at 1412 was playing an instrumental bit of ``BÈsame Mucho``, which I found incongruous, on into Arabic talk. Perhaps programmers were unaware of its lascivious significance (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SCOTLAND. ANORAK HEAVEN ON BOXING DAY

Back in August, radio six international ran a handful of archive

offshore radio programmes, documentaries, discussions and jingles. We were amazed that on the day our website had 48,058 hits and we had to hurriedly buy loads of extra bandwidth to cope with the numbers wanting to listen. Even so, many couldnít get online. So weíre repeating the best of these programmes on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th. Hereís whatís planned (all times UK [= UT]):

8.30am SWINGING UK John Benson hosts a pilot chart show made by Big L in 1965 for the US market. It never took off.

9.00am TONY ALAN & MARK WEST with the last ëliveí show on 242 Radio Scotland on 14th August 1967. Jingles, theme tunes, offshore talk and much larking about. We discovered this previously unknown studio recording of this programme in the late Jimmy Mackís attic.

9.50am A HISTORY OF OFFSHORE RADIO produced and narrated by Paul Harris who wrote the definitive book ëWhen Pirates Ruled The Wavesí.

10.35am REQUIEM FOR 242 shortly after the pirates were closed down, a handful of DJs recorded this tribute LP in a small studio in Glasgow. Featuring Tommy Shields, Stuart Henry, Tony Meehan, Tony Alan and Jack McLaughlin.

11.00am THE JOCKS WHO ROCKED recording of a Radio Academy session chaired by Tony Currie and featuring jocks from the ënortherní ships ñ Jack McLaughlin and Ben Healy (Radio Scotland), Mike Aherne (Caroline North), and Noel Miller

11.45am OFFSHORE JINGLEMANIA anorak heaven ñ just non stop jingles!

12 noon 242ís FINAL HOUR an off air recording of the final hour ñ 11pm to midnight ñ on 14th August 1967 hosted by the stationís Managing Director, Tommy Shields.

Hopefully many of those who couldnít listen in August will be able to stream these programmes on December 26th. [ENDS]

Note to editors: Radio Six International is a not-for-profit internet station run by seasoned broadcast professionals. It made its first broadcast in 2000 and has been streaming around the clock ever since (Tony Currie, RSI, Dec 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SERBIA. Intruder broadcast, 10120 kHz.
[fundamental Stubline Serbia 9505 kHz, symmetrical 8275/8890 kHz]

Hallo Ulrich, aktuell Broadcast Intruder auf 10120 kHz. S=9+20dB an Dipol. Konnte noch keine Sprache vernehmen. 1145 UT Abspielen der Internationale (Harald, DL5HAQ, Dec 3)

Hallo, lieber Harald, danke fuer die ufb Meldung. Ich selbst habe den Rundfunksender auch noch gehoert. Sehr nuetzlich Deine Angabe der Grundfrequenz 9505 kHz!

Da es sich um eine Intermodulation handelte, konnte ich mit der bewaehrten Formel
(9505 mal 2) - x 10120
- x 10120 - 19010
x 19010 - 10120
x 8890 auch die zweite Grundfrequenz errechnen.

Auch die zweite IM errechnete ich nach der Formel
8890 mal 2 - 9505 x
x 8275

Und siehe da, auch auf 8275 kHz waren die gleichen Verzerrungen zu hoeren wie auf 10120 kHz.

Bei der IM sind also die beiden Sendefrequenzen 8890 und 9505 kHz beteiligt. Sie mischen sich in der Senderhalle oder im Freigelaende. Haeufig gehen Rundfunksender auch mit zwei "benachbarten" Frequenzen auf die gleiche Antenne (gleichzeitig). Dort erfolgt dann die Mischung.

Um 1300 UT kam die Ansage "Radio Serbia". Ich unterrichtete noch waehrend des Andauerns der Stoerungen die BNetzA. Sie peilten den Sender in Serbien. Mal sehen, ob der Stoerer morgen wieder da ist. Auf alle Faelle hast Du der Bandwacht (und den vielen Funkamateuren...) sehr geholfen. Vielen Dank! (Uli Bihlmayer, DJ9KR, Leiter der DARC Bandwacht, Dec 3 via BC-DX Dec 4 via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DXLD)

** SICILY [non?] 5000, 1625 Nov. 29, QSO in Sicilian, fishermen around Sicily, USB, good (Giampiero Bernardini in Pescia, Tuscany, with Perseus and 30 meters wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SIKKIM. Reception from North Oregon Coast (November):

On my recent vacation to the north coast of Oregon, I specifically made a 60-meter resonant dipole and 8-foot center support pole. Each evening from November 3 to 25, I traveled 10 miles south to an overlook of the Pacific Ocean about 200 above the water on Highway 101. I placed the antenna up using a guard rail to support the center pole. The antenna with balum, was fed on coax to the car and my Grundig Satellite 800. I DXed on 19 days, from about 0030 to 0300Z in the evenings, and left to antenna in place, only to return the following morning from 1330-1530Z. I removed the antenna each morning, and returned to my house in Seaside.

Reception was extremely good on all but a few days. Reception of the various Indian stations in the evening and morning hours was much better than my setup in Wrightwood. Latin American stations were not as good as in Wrightwood.

I made numerous recordings of my best sub-continent receptions, and especially of AIR Gangtok when it was then on 4837.2 (It is now on 4835.0 both evenings and mornings once I returned to Wrightwood.) Best logging of Gangtok was on the 16th, at 1420-1440. They played The 'Titanic' song, My Heart Will Go On', by Celine Dion.

Thanks to Ron Howard for the 'hint' to go portable like he himself does. The line noise in Seaside is terrible, but on Highway 101 is was dead quiet. Back home in Wrightwood, Latins are great, sub-continent not as good (Jim Young, North Oregon Coast (November), Wrightwood, CA (December 1, onward, Grundig Satellite 800, Dec 2, NASWA yg via DXLD)

4835.0, AIR Gangtok. Ex: 4837.19. Are they really back on frequency to stay this time? Noted Nov 29, 30 and Dec 1, exactly on frequency from around 1315 to 1430 (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Also here in Finland a carrier today on 4835.00 kHz, nothing on 4837.19 kHz. Let's see if they will stay there. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, dx_india yg via DXLD)

4835.0, AIR Gangtok, 1317, Dec 2 was another day being exactly on frequency (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear DX-friends, 4835.01, AIR Gangtok, Sikkim, 1505-1520, Dec 03, back on nominal frequency, ex 4837.5, Nepali ann and pop music, 1515 heard // 4840 AIR Mumbai with news in Hindi from Delhi, 35233. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** SLOVAKIA. 9540, Dec 4 at 1404, R. Slovakia International not with scheduled Russian broadcast, but the multi-lingual ID loops. Long version includes mission statements, ``from the very heart of Europe`` in English, French, Spanish, Russian, German, Slovak, then short versions of IDs only, alternating past 1411, all with musical background including drumming. Time is running out before Dec 31 QRT and they aren`t even filling the scheduled airtime with programming. Wonder what the problem is. Has anyone noticed this also during English and other semi-hours? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Must have been a technical problem. The on-demand Russian broadcast for 4 December is online, and sounds normal (Andy Sennitt,

Netherlands, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CZECHIA

Re: RIP Slovakia??? --- Don't want to turn this into a political forum, but Slovakia is one of the stronger growing economies in Europe, with a GDP rise of 3.7 percent, which is quite remarkable in these days, one of the highest in Europe. I like Radio Slovakia, especially during the winter Olympics and the World Cup (gpsblake, Dec 1, odxa yg via DXLD) Because? They ignore them, or cover them? (gh)

6040, R Slovakia International, Rimavsk· Sobota, 0105-0130, Nov 29, English letterbox with extensive coverage of the decision, that its SW transmitters will close down on Dec 31, 2010, due to heavy costs of SW transmitters and very varying reception conditions on SW ! RSI will continue broadcasting on the internet and via satellite through other transmitters, 0127 IDís in English / French / Spanish / Russian and German, 0130 Programme in Slovak, 55555 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Dec 1 via DXLD)

Re 10-48: Eslovaquia: APROBADA LA FUSI”N DE LA TELEVISI”N Y LA RADIO ESLOVACAS

Hola Ladia... Esta noticia que acabo de recibir de mi colega y amigo colombiano Yimber Gaviria øSignifica la posibilidad de continuar con la OC en Radio Eslovaquia Internacional? Espero que mi carta traducida al eslovaco por un funcionario de la embajada en Buenos Aires estÈ por llegar al Presidente Ivan Ga≈°parovi*ƒ*?. Un cordial saludo y seguimos en contacto (RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, Argentina, December 2, via condiglist yg via DXLD)

Consultada Ladislava Hudzovi*ƒ*?ov· de Radio Eslovaquia Internacional respecto a si esta fusiÛn significaba econÛmicamente la posibilidad de continuar con la utilizaciÛn de las ondas cortas, ella me contestÛ lo siguiente...

Hola Ruben, La fusiÛn de las dos instituciones no tiene nada que hacer con el cierre de las ondas cortas (con el que se ahorrÛ m·s de 1 millon de euros... como que la antena emisora que administraba la transmisiÛn de la seÒal fue privatizada hace aÒos por una empresa que continuaba aumentando el precio --- y el precio era mucho m·s alto de lo que costaba la OC a nuestros vecinos checos --- decidieron parar este gasto y perder las ˙nicas frecuencias de OC que el paÌs tenÌa). Por el momento se est·n buscando soluciones de tecnologÌas alternativas y dicen que esta medida no va a tener ningun impacto al n˙mero del personal. Esta serÌa una breve explicaciÛn de las cosas... Te agradezco tu asiduo y fiel apoyo... un abrazo...

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(via Margenet, ibid.)

Duh, SW stations are stupid to sell off/privatize their transmission facilities, as has happened in country after country (gh, DXLD)

** SLOVAKIA. 6090, IRRS Milano; 1908-1933+, 4-Dec; Glenn Hauser's World of Radio #1541; ID at 1930 into English, 39 Davis Street program. Sked announced 9510, but not audible (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9510 is for the morning broadcast at 09-10 (gh, DXLD)

** SOMALIA [non]. Re 10-48: New Somali station - RADIO DAMAL

A Somali-speaking colleague says this new station (see below) is Radio Damal, which describes itself as "the voice of the Somali people" ("odka bulshada Somaliyeed" - this ID is clearly heard). It is based in Nairobi and is said to aim to promote peace, unity and development. One of the presenters used to work for the KBC's Somali service. I will try to find out more, including an address.

I was in Cairo last week and the 11740 transmission was well heard there, opening at 1829:30 with Koran recitation. At 1930 they have to leave 11740 to make way for VOA Albanian - a pity as I couldn't hear the scheduled 11970 after 1930. I also heard the 15700 transmission at 0430 (Chris Greenway, UK, Dec 4, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. Channel Africa, 6120 kHz 4 December 2010 at 0335 UT tune in. Female announcer said: ìMake an appointment with the doctor on Channel Africa,î followed by ìSports Update.î Musical selections from 0344 until 0358, just barely audible above the noise and interference. Musical selection at 0352 consisting of a young chorus of vocals, entitled ìOn My Own Again.î (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 11680, Overcomer Ministry; 1339, 5-Dec; Bro.

Stair via ? SIO=3+33- with echo & ute trill (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Nauen, GERMANY, since Nov 18, at 13-14 (gh, DXLD)

15495, Brother Scare gone again from this frequency, where had been a regular since mid-November at 13-15 UT. Dec 8 at 1436 and later chex, absent. Not sure this one ever made it into the online frequency schedules. At 1452, he`s still on another Wertachtal frequency, 9460; while at 1451, 9385 is weak and unmodulated, WWRB; inbooming on WWCR 9980 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. 1704 kHz, 2115 Nov. 30, Radio Tarifa, M·laga, Maritime service, info in English & Spanish, USB, good (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, fatti sempre in Toscana, a Pescia, col Perseus e la filare da 30 metri, playdx yg via DXLD) See also DENMARK for 1704 kHz

** SRI LANKA. Bad situation with SLBC in English from 0125 UT s/on: on 6005 kHz there was another program in English and on 9770 kHz was Havana in Spanish and not heard on 15745 kHz. On both 6005 and on 9770 with rumbling sounds (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Nov 24, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 4 via DXLD)

11905, Radio Ceylon - Radio Sri Lanka, *1530-1550, Dec 4, sign on with instrumental music and English ID announcements. Local music. English and Hindi talk. TCs. English news at 1544-1547. Some US pop music but mostly local pop music. Poor with co-channel QRM from a strong Polish Radio with Polish Radio stronger than Sri Lanka. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

Radio Sri Lanka, Colombo on 11905 kHz strong but with QRM from Polskie Radio to Ukraine via UK, 8 December 1530 sign on to 1600, announcing "Radio Sri Lanka 9 PM" and "This is Radio Ceylon calling out to India." Varied program in English.

Well, this is what my Sangean ATS 909 with a 40 m Inverted vee antenna brought me. I am mostly active listening on the ham bands, but I occasionally I devote some time both to MW and SW broadcast listening (Ullmar Qvick, Norrkˆping, Sweden, Dec 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA [non]. 17880, Tamilar Kural R, unknown location, 1040-1340, Nov 27, program with lots of Tamil talks and echo, chimes at 1335, seemingly the end of the programme, but continued a minute later with talks, "Tamil Kural" was mentioned a few times, 25432 (Max Van Arnhem, Netherlands and Patrick Robic, Austria, DSWCI DX Window Dec 1 via DXLD) Would they have known about it without our tip from WRN? You`re welcome (gh, DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. 9670, 0510 Radio Miraya FM, via Slovakia, talks in Arabic, some modulation problems, songs at 0526, later talks again about Sudan with better modulation, fair/good (Giampiero Bernardini, in Pescia, Tuscany (Italy) with Perseus and a 30 meters wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SLOVAKIA, 15710, Radio Miraya FM; 1451-1501+, 4-Dec; M in Arabic w/AR & Afro music; IDs 1459-1501 & continued in unID language. SIO=353+ (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWITZERLAND. Re 10-48: Option Musique 765 kHz. At 2300 UT of yesterday, Sunday 5th inst., RSR on 765 began running a continuous announcement [in French, of course] informing the Sottens MF transmitter had been taken out of service on 5 Dec at midnight local time, and that the program is aired via DAB, VHF-FM & available via the internet. Strangely, or perhaps not so, they kept running the announcement well after 2300, and are still with it now as I write this, 2243 UT. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, Dec 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And it's still on air this Tuesday morning (the 7th) at 0800. Maybe someone who understands French can translate if there is any given date/time it will go off entirely (Noel R. Green (NW England), ibid.)

Hi Noel, There's no indication about the complete closure of the transmitter in these announcements (Jean-Michel Aubier, France, ibid.)

Someone on A-DX newgroup assumed this information loop text record on 765 kHz Sottens outlet will last till Dec 30/31, 2010. Similar happened on Musikw%lle 531 kHz Berom¸nster some months ago too. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, ibid.)

In [dxldyg] attachment you can find two short recordings via GLOBAL TUNERS:
Location: diano marina, Imperia, Italy
Receiver: Yaesu FRG-8800
Antenna: antenna HF LONG WIRE.
You can listen with "UNREAL AUDIO" in REAL TIME
Recorded on December 07, 2010 at 1036z and 1037z...

By the way, on
http://www.rsr.ch/#/option-musique/programmes/journee-speciale/?date=05-12-2010

you can download Líhistoire de Sottens:
http://medias.rsr.ch/option-musique/programmes/06h00-10h00-week-end/2010/06h00-10h00-week-end_20101205_standard_journee-

speciale_20101205-0603_5db4b965-5495-4491-aa0f-80fae0070f31-128k.mp3
73 (Dragan Lekic, Serbia, Dec 7, dxldyg via DXLD)

AUDIOCLIP: SOTTENS MW TRANSMITTER PERMANENTLY OFF AIR
Since yesterday evening, the Swiss medium wave transmitter Sottens is permanently off air. The clip plays the last-minute radio broadcast of Option Musique on the frequency of 765 KHz. The clip is available here:
http://blog.libero.it/radioascolto/9593247.html
73's (Francesco Cecconi, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Hi Glenn. I trust this finds you well. Switzerland's last MW station, at Sottens (765 kHz / 600 kW) closed on Sunday, December 5th. This follows the closure of the German-Swiss and Italian-Swiss MW transmitters in 2008. Switzerland now has no MW outlets left.

Bob Thomann and I have just recorded a look-back on the history of mediumwave broadcasting in Switzerland, which will be available under the Two Bobs section of http://www.switzerlandinsound.com as of Wednesday, December 8th. 73, (Bob Zanotti, Switzerland, Dec 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Perhaps it is of use to mention it again, to avoid any possible confusion: The transmitter *is* still on air, now carrying the already reported "Retune!" loop. All what happened on Sunday is that during the evening a special farewell show has been broadcast (probably but not necessarily already breaking away from Option Musique), followed as of 2300 UT by the loop.

It is just a communication policy of SRG-SSR to refer to this as "closing" the transmitter. The same had been done with Berom¸nster 531 kHz, where it led to really revealing statements about neighbours immediately feeling better after the "closure", at a point when the transmitter was still on air.

531 kHz had been switched off on New Year's Eve at local midnight (= 2300 UT), thus the assumption, as mentioned by Wolfy, that this could be the case with 765 kHz as well. Yearend would be a logical deadline for terminating the use of the transmitter, which is owned and operated not by SRG-SSR but another entity (Swisscom Broadcast).

By the way, the output of the Sottens transmitter has some time ago already been reduced to 170 kW, and here in Germany it is noticeable that five decibels are missing now (Kai Ludwig, ibid.)

Technically speaking, you're right, of course, Sottens is still on the air, albeit not casting any program. By the way, do you know by any chance know whether the silent SUI txs on MF were merely silenced, but

ready for operation if needed, or simply taken away along with the aerials? 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, ibid.)

** TAIWAN. 9000, SOH, 1637-1702, Dec 3. In Chinese with their normal format of monologues and some reporting with background talking; ToH clear ìS-O-Hî ID (this is only my second positive ID); almost fair; no Firedrake music jamming (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAJIKISTAN. Ciao from Roma, Italy. Concerning Tajik Radio in Yangiyul on 4765.06 kHz, please, give a glance to this website: http://travelingluck.com/Asia/Tajikistan/Khatlon/_1220124_Yangiyul.html#local_map [Wolfgang B¸schel thinx this is unrelated to SW, just same named]

here my recent logging: 4765.06, Tajik R. Yangiyul in local language, 12/04 2326-2337, one local chant with instrumental music; W announcement; M & announcement and ID as "Radio Tajikistan" during talk; then some brief local music pauses with W/M announcements & IDs by W (only clear Radio, during talk); heard in SSB with moderate QSB & mild rustle; fair. 73, (Gianni Serra, NASWA yg via DXLD) See also UNIDENTIFIED [WORLD OF RADIO 1542]

** THAILAND. 9720, ``Monday evening business news from R. Thailand``, Dec 6 at 1251, poor with heavy flutter, but then into adstring, including TAT = Tourism Authority of Thailand, Sheraton Bangkok, etc. Not the only IBB SW transmitter carrying commercial advertising; some creeps into Radio MartÌ via Greenville, like during bÈisbol when I`ve heard Autozone plugs (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7570, HSK9, Radio Thailand; 1936-1944+, 4-Dec; English travel feature; ads for Bangkok Airways, Intercontinental Hotel & Fireplace Grill. SIO=2+53 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET. 6130, 2240 Nov. 29, PBS Xizang, China, talks in English also about Kashmir and border affairs in Fifties; economic development; also songs, fair/good - REC (Giampiero Bernardini, from Pescia in Tuscany, Perseus with 30 m wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Holy?

6200, Xizang PBS via Lhasa, 1530-1600, Dec 3. ìHoly Tibetî show in English; news about Tibet (price of rice and flour increased in Lhasa during Nov); Tibetan music; ìTourism of Tibetî; 1554 end of program announcement followed by Tibetan music till ToH; fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4905, Xizang PBS-Lhasa, 1530-1600, Dec 6. The normal Monday repeat of their Sunday program of ìHoly Tibetî in English; news followed by a

long interview with a member of the Tibet Academy of Social Sciences; close to 100% readable, which is only possible during the wintertime; // 4920 and 6200 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. 6520.00, UNID (Orient?). Hallo - just ist eine Programm-Sendung auf der Frequenz zu hoeren mit hier sporadisch bis zu S=9+20 bei leichtem "verwaschenen" Fading (Theodor Averbeck-D, A-DX Dec 1)

Klingt im Text, und nach dem Musikstil nach einer Turk-Sprache, Kurdish? Zu anderen Tageszeiten sendet man auf 7410 laut Aoki. Wenn Kurdish, muesste man mal im 60 oder 76 mb nach einer Parallelsendung suchen. Hier auch zwischen S=8 bis S=9+10dB hoch fadend (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 1)

Eine wohl unerwuenschte Nebenausstrahlung der Voice of Turkey in Tuerkisch \\ 5980 kHz. Hatte ich am 11.11. hier schon mal gemeldet. +/- 540 kHz ? (Patrick Robic, Austria, A-DX Dec 1 via BC-DX Dec 4 via DXLD)

** UGANDA. 4750, 1833-1902* Dec. 1 Dunamis Shortwave, long talk by woman in vernacular, short music religious style at 1842, then talks again mentioning Uganda. 1848 long songs in Afro style, 1859 ID by the same woman, another song and sign-off at 1902. I could hear for the my first time Dunamis Shortwave radio on 4750. The signal was good and there was no QRM. Fair/good - REC (Giampiero Bernardini in Pescia, Tuscany, with Perseus and 30 meters wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UGANDA. 4976, 1642 Nov. 29, UBC, Kampala, Uganda, African songs, fair to good, in AMS upper mode to avoid Russia on 4975 (Giampiero Bernardini in Pescia, Tuscany, with Perseus and 30 meters wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE. Re: RUI leaving SW --- The latest Hello from Kyiv is now available for download/streaming. 5 minutes 30 in they read out an email from David Ansell who is sorry to read that:

"Radio Ukraine International might leave shortwave at the end of the year and that it would be a big mistake." They respond: "No way, Mr. Ansell. We are not going to leave and never said we would."

The same assurances are offered to American listener Tom Woodruff in Pulaski, New York.
http://www.nrcu.gov.ua/index.php?id=780
(Mike Barraclough, Dec 6, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Of course SW has already been suspended more than once for some weeks at a time due to funding difficulties, but resumed (gh, DXLD)

** U K. Hi Glenn, World of radio is now only (most Sundays) at 1300 UT from South Herts Radio (webcast only). Sorry, we cannot broadcast every Sunday but any shows we are unable to air will be posted on our interactive player each week at
http://www.southhertsradio.com/interactive.html
Best Wishes, (Gary Drew - station operator.
http://www.southhertsradio.com - SHR International radio from South Hertfordshire, Dec 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. WORLD SERVICE/BBC NEWS MERGER PROPOSAL AND REACTION

In an interview on BBC budget cuts, following the recent licence fee agreement, in Media Guardian BBC Director General Mark Thompson stated that the BBC would:

"make unspecified but significant savings by merging the World Service with BBC News in 2014 because "however well-resourced the BBC is, we cannot afford to run two global news operations".

http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2010/dec/05/bbc-mark-thompson-half-billion-cuts

Reaction today from EMO Williams, former head of BBC World Service (1960-1995) who argues that:

"The existence of a journalistic team devoted to the special needs of a global and individual foreign country audience is the main factor that has given the World Service its unique authority."

There's also a letter from Jonathan Kempster about the Ivory Coast closing down RFI and BBC WS FM transmissions highlighting the need for continued investment in shortwave:
http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2010/dec/07/bbc-world-service-press-credibility
(via Mike Barraclough, England, Dec 7, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U K [non?]. 15620, 1453 1 Nov, BBCWS, UK, jingle / test loop, ``This is the BBC. There are no programmes on this channel at present. Details of our service are at bbcworldservice.com`` Switched briefly to VOA English at 1459 then to VOA Hausa at 1500, SIO 343 (Jonathan Kempster, London E14, Dec BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Per B-10 HFCC, here is what is supposed to be on 15620 before and after 1500:

15620	1430	1500	40E,41	MOS	300	95	Urdu	AUT	DWL	DWL
15620	1500	1530	46,47	BOT	100	350	Hausa	BOT	IBB	IBB

(gh, DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. EndereÁo da AFN Los Angeles --- Ol· amigos, AlguÈm teria como me informar o endereÁo/e-mail da AFN Los Angeles (que transmite desde Diego Garcia) para o envio de relatÛrio de recepÁ„o? Obrigado e 73 (Fabricio Andrade Silva, Tubar„o - SC PP5002SWL, Dec 4, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Fabricio, Eu j· recebi um QSL card deles, enviando uma mensagem pelo site da AFRTS. Logo depois recebi uma mensagem pelo email, confirmando a escuta que fiz da estaÁ„o de Guam e dizendo que enviariam um cart„o QSL. Na Època atÈ coloquei uma foto dele no meu blog http://bsbdx.blogspot.com/2006/12/qsl-card-from-afrts.html O interessante que o cart„o chegou sem envelope, nem nada. Todos os dados escritos no prÛprio cart„o. 73's! (Thiago P. Machado, BrasÌlia-DF, Brasil [GH54XC], ibid.) Postcards are novelty in Brasil? (gh)

Fabricio, Tente o endereÁo qsl @ dodmedia.osd.mil Boa sorte! 73 (Ivan Dias Jr. - Sorocaba/SP, http://ivandias.wordpress.com ibid.)

** U S A. NEWS FROM A VOA SHORTWAVE TRANSMITTING SITE THAT NEVER WAS.

Sequim (Washington) Gazette, 30 Nov 2010, Amanda Winters: "Two miles of new trails, expanded campgrounds and an entry station are all part of the recently approved Dungeness Recreation Area Master Plan. Detailed visions for easy-access recreation, safe bike lanes and group facilities also are included in the master plan, which was unanimously approved by the Clallam County commissioners on Nov. 23. ... To improve circulation within the recreation area, Voice of America Road facilities will be realigned and an entry contact station will be added where a parking lot is now. ... Voice of America Road will be moved at least 200 feet away from the bluff." (Posted: 02 Dec 2010, kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

-- About a planned VOA shortwave transmitting site in Washington State that was planned in the 1950s, but never built. See previous post about same subject (Kim Andrew Elliott, ibid.) See also IRAN [non]

** U S A [and non]. 17715, VOA Music Mix, with Victoria Rey/Ray, Friday Dec 3 at 1424, extremely strong S9+25, and splattering 17695-17735, much like 17740 does in Portuguese at 1700. This has to be Greenville, instead of Botswana, original B-10 site during this frequency-hour; permanent or temporary change as backup? SSOB, even stronger than Chile 17680, Spain 17595.

1430 news headlines, and soon into weekly Reporters` Notebook. First segment until 1445 was about WikiLeaks, including comments from White House correspondent Dan Robinson; he and the hostess and the other reporter all suffered from `ya-know` syndrome every few sex --- but

that proves it`s unscripted. Other reporters and topix started at 1445, 1455; cut off abruptly at 1500* without the usual VOA sign-off routine. I had been in search of a good frequency for Reporters` Notebook, and this is it, if it keeps from Greenville.

At 1512 I noticed music with a very poor and fluttery signal was on 17715, presumably Botswana still during the second hour. 15120 Nigeria had a similar problem at 1514.

17715, Dec 4 at 1427, very poor signal from VOA, so must be back to Botswana site, while the day before it was inbooming from Greenville, so a Friday-only thing? Or just a backup when Bots was down (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17715, VOA news in English, poor at 1440 Dec 6, so still Botswana rather than Greenville as heard Dec 3 only so far.

12055, Dec 6 at 1500, VOA news in English, fair vs squeals emanating from WEWN`s defective 12050 transmitter. 12055 is 100 kW, 108 degrees via Lampertheim, GERMANY at 14-16.

9760, via PHILIPPINES, Dec 6 at 1533 Spe-cial Eng-lish news about ``Ivory Coast`` as referenced several times. In Normal English, does VOA concede they have to say ``CÙte d`Ivoire``, but it simply won`t play in S-E? Also on weaker // 9945, 4 degrees from SRI LANKA.

9565, Dec 5 at 1429, VOA giving MW and SW frequencies, then talking about Baluchistan. It`s the Deewa Radio service in Pashto, 250 kW, 90 degrees via Wertachtal, GERMANY (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 15180, Dec 3 at 2205, VG signal from a gospel huxter vs Carl Jung, causing splatter/overload 15150-15210; off when rechecked at 2259. I was tuning again for 15190, Tony Alamo vs InconfidÍncia, and this is the first time I have found any such signal on 15180. So much crap from 15180 that 15190 was unlistenable. Must be one of WHRI`s otherwise wooden frequencies. Yes, WHR website shows Angel 6: 14-23 15180, 23-06 7315, 06-13 7385, 13-14 9540.

HFCC has 15180 at 15-23 daily for the entire B-10 season, 100 kW, 315 degrees, but fortunately they only turn it on when some time is axually sold. The Fri 22-23 show is ``Warning``, with Jonathan Hansen; checking the entire program schedule, there are only a few other times when this entire span contains anything but Sumrall/LeSEA filler. Business must really be bad. DXing With Cumbre is listed at 1830 Sat on 15180, so was it on the air then? Of course not! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also NIGERIA [and non]: 9840

** U S A [and non]. Someone is snoozing at the switch as no WOR or WWCR for that matter at 1700 12160 kHz this morning. 73 (Mick Delmage, AB, Dec 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12160 missing as I checked for the Saturday 1700 broadcast Dec 4 of WORLD OF RADIO 1541 on WWCR. Instead, 7490 was still on the air. I notified the dxldyg ASAP about this. Turned out they stayed on 7490 at least for the rest of WOR. By next check 1830, 12160 was on. Remaining nominal times and frequencies for WOR: UT Sun 0330 on 4840, Sun 0730 on 3215.

Also, WOR was not showing at some of the even-UT hour times via ACB Radio Mainstream webcasts on Friday Dec 3 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Was tuning in to WWCR 4840 for DX block at 0300 UT on December 5th (UT) and there's religious programming going on. There was the Ask WWCR program at 0245 as usual. Wonder if this is a permanent change.

Well, checked at 0330 to see if World of Radio was to air. Nothing, still the same religious program on WWCR 4840. Maybe they changed schedule or this is an error. If anyone knows, let me know. Now listening to World of Radio via Internet (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As tipped by Gilles Letourneau in MontrÈal, who has been listening to WORLD OF RADIO on SW since the 1980s, we were missing from WWCR, UT Sunday Dec 5 at 0330 on 4840, and so was the entire ``DX Block`` during that hour after ``Ask WWCR`` at 0245, preacher instead.

The updated December online program guide still shows the other DX programs and WOR at all its previously scheduled times. Maybe they had a make-good for a paid program, and the easiest way to do it was to replace the DX block this week (only, we hope).

We also note that the transmitter schedule currently displayed shows WWCR-2 changing from 7490 to 12160 at 1600, an hour earlier than before at 1700 --- despite on Dec 4 staying on 7490 at least until 1730 putting that airing of WORLD OF RADIO on the `wrong` frequency. Dec 5 at 1638, we do find that 12160 is already on instead of 7490.

Transmitter #2 - 100 KW - 85 Degrees
12:00 AM-07:00 AM 0600-1300 5.935 MHz
07:00 AM-10:00 AM 1300-1600 7.490 MHz
10:00 AM-03:00 PM 1600-2100 12.160 MHz
03:00 PM-05:00 PM 2100-2300 9.350 MHz
05:00 PM-07:00 PM 2300-0100 5.070 MHz
07:00 PM-12:00 AM 0100-0600 5.935 MHz

Back to 0345 UT Dec 5: I checked all the WWCR frequencies. Only 3215 was inbooming; 4840 was getting quite weak with plummeting winter night MUFs, but certainly not World of Radio. 5890 Brother Scare was inaudible, while leftover pulse jamming from Cuba against VOA was still very evident, despite VOA having finished with 5890 at 0100. 5935 was JBA with DGS gospel music, and het, no doubt from the R. Rep˙blica 5954.1v spur, matched by another ELCOR het of a different pitch from COSTA RICA vs 5975 which is VOA Somali via Lampertheim during that semihour only (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, yeah it is kind of weird as you mention. 4840 was not the best here either. Winters make it difficult here too. 3215 does come in quite good over here at this time. 73's (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada, UT Dec 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Btw, I'm sorry no longer to be able to hear World of Radio on Friday evenings as at 2130 WWCR on 7465 is blocked by BBC WS in English. Other times are not working out either but I do have access to WRN so can hear you there on Saturdays at 0900 (James MacDonell, Nigeria, December 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That would be BBCWS English via SOUTH AFRICA, 7465, 2100-2200, 100 kW, 330 degrees from Meyerton to CIRAF 46S, 47S, 52, while WWCR 7465 at 21-23 is 100 kW, 46 degrees to CIRAF 4, 9 and 27, the latter being Western Europe. Did anyone at HFCC really think these signals would not collide in North Africa and Europe? Who`s on top in the UK? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 3215, WWCR Nashville TN (presumed); 0334, 4-Dec; English feature on Acadians & Cajuns. S50! Signal, Putting out copyable spurs on +/- 15.6 khz; 3199.4 & 3230.6 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The spurs are always audible here at least with BFO help, also same amount off 7465 circa 7450 and 7480. 7450 puts a het on Greece when it is legitimately on 7450 (gh, OK, DXLD)

** U S A. 3185, WWRB Manchester TN (presumed); 1020, 5-Dec; Bro. Stair. S35; spurs on +/- 67.8 kHz, 3117.2, SIO=2+52 & 3252.8, SIO=3+52 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5109.67 USB, WBCQ, Monticello, Maine, 0115-0340, Nov 22, English ann, rock music, talk. Transmitter problems: Only audible off nominal 5110 and in USB and with distorted audio, 35442 (Anker

Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Dec 1 via DXLD)

5109.75, 0012 15 Nov, AM+USB mode, Radio Jamba International program, SIO 242 (Alan Pennington, England, Dec BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

5110.1, 2205 6 Nov, WBCQ ID, progressive pop, constant tone on signal, SIO 433 (David J Morris, Dorset, ibid.)

** U S A. Ham Radio Entertainment --- If you love Oldies then you will love this LIVE version of The QSO Show on shortwave Oldies Steroids! Saturdays show is repeat streaming and the information is below

Qso Show --- For Saturday's show the correct link is
http://tux-support.com:8081/wma/houselive.wma

To listen Open Windows Media Player... press the alt key,
Go to file, Then Open URL, Copy and paste in the link below.
http://tux-support.com:8081/wma/houselive.wma

For .mp3 stream for Android Phones
http://www.accessnashville.com:8004/listen.pls
(Ted Randall, TN, Dec 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9478.88, 2230 Nov. 30, WTWW, Lebanon, TN, USA, religious program in English, good - REC (Giampiero Bernardini, in Pescia, Tuscany (Italy) with Perseus and a 30 meters wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Had not realized they were that far off the off-frequency (gh)

** U S A. One of the WEWN transmitters is missing. Dec 5 at 1936 nothing on 12050, but Spanish on 13830, something weak on 15610 presumed usual English. Next check Dec 6 at 1259 choral IS on 12050, fair signal, missing from 11550, but 1300 ID in Spanish claims they are on 11550 and 12050!

Far be it from studio announcers to be aware of what is going on (or not) at the transmitter site; couldn`t they turn on a radio sometime and monitor their own frequencies? Couldn`t the transmitter operator notify the studio when something is down for at least two days? Then starting daily mass in English about to be voice-overed. At 1505, 11550 still missing, but Spanish on squealy 12050, English 15610 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Soon all three were on (gh)

** U S A. 15550-USB, Dec 7, 2010 at 1512, WJHR is audible with usual preacher, poor signal, S9 peaks, fading. We first discovered it on the air Dec 8, 2009 as in http://www.w4uvh.net/dxld9084.txt
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 17775, KVOH, Dec 7 at 2152, S9+22+ vocal music, modulation much more distorted than usual, and with BFO on, the carrier is wobbling, very unstable. Spur on 17920v also audible, but not 17630v (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5950, WYFR Family Radio, Okeechobee FL; 2231-2249+, 30-Nov; Harold C. droning on Open Forum about true believers, sin, the coming rapture, etc. Caller challenged H's interpretation of a Biblical "day" as 24-hours for the length of the rain that brought the flood, and as 1000 years to calculate the coming rapture on 5/21/11. One caller wanted to know when the rapture would come in his time zone. H sed that when it's noon in Jerusalem on that day, it will be 5/21 all over the world. Caller told about an encounter with Mormons. H used it to rag on them, the Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians & Catholics. S30+ (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. "Tony Alamo" conviction upheld in US 8th Circuit Court of Appeals

Noticed this mention in today's Arkansas Times news blog.
http://www.arktimes.com/ArkansasBlog/archives/2010/12/02/alamo-conviction-upheld

The post has a link to a pdf file with the Court's Decision.

Also an AP story via KATV Little Rock
http://www.katv.com/Global/story.asp?S=13602980

Monitoring note of today (UT December 2), KMTL 760 Sherwood AR is still broadcasting Alamo's one hour program all over the airwaves of Central Arkansas at 2000UT nearly a sequiyear after his conviction. I took a couple of minutes to verify today during lunch hour. (Fritze H Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, EM43aw http://tvdxseark.blogspot.com http://www.twitter.com/KC5KBV DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

APPEALS COURT UPHOLDS ALAMO'S CONVICTIONS
Associated Press - December 2, 2010 11:34 AM ET

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - A federal appeals court has upheld the convictions of evangelist Tony Alamo, who was sentenced to 175 years in prison on sex charges.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued a nine-page opinion Thursday affirming Alamo's sentence.

The 76-year-old Alamo was convicted in July 2009 of 10 violations of the federal Mann Act, which prohibits taking someone across state

lines for "any sexual activity for which any person can be charged with a criminal offense." He was sentenced in November 2009 and is being held at a federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind.

The appeals court ruled Alamo knowingly traveled with the underage girls so he could sexually exploit them. The order says Alamo "orchestrated and controlled their travel" so that they would be available for sexual purposes (via Fritze Prentice, DXLD)

** U S A. 400+ AM STATIONS ARE USING TRANSLATORS
Radio World November 30, 2010

In releasing its latest industry revenue estimates, BIA/Kelsey also shone a light on how wide the use of FM translators has become for AM stations.

ìThe ëInvesting In Radio Market Reportí includes in its comprehensive market-to-market comparisons more than 400 AM radio stations across the country that are using FM translators to improve their nighttime coverage areas,î it stated.

ìHuntsville, Ala., for example, currently has five AM stations using translators to rebroadcast on another frequency to cover areas not adequately served by their main signal. In addition, FM HD multicast stations are rebroadcasting in analog to expand their audiences.î

BIA/Kelseyís Mark Fratrik said radio stations ìare embracing the FCCís 2009 ruling allowing retransmission through the use of FM translators. It's an innovative way to broaden their reach, provide more options to listeners in the market and appeal to advertisers.î

http://radioworld.com/article/110094
(via Mike Terry, mwdx yg via DXLD)

** U S A. 3160+, checking for WPJK SC harmonic before sign-off, Dec 2 at 2200 I can detect a JBA carrier slightly on the hi side compared to whatever is on 1160. But missed monitoring at 2215 whether it cut off around then.

3160, Dec 3 at 2213 I am monitoring the weak carrier from WPJK, 2 x 1580, with bits of audio, and it cuts off at 2217:08*. In Dec as well as Nov, 2215 UT is the official sunset time; yet to be confirmed is whether they are still signing on circa 1230, instead of legal sunrise 1215 in Dec. But it was still barely audible at 1307 with gospel music, no comparison to BS on 3185 WWRB, not really from South Carolina. In Jan the official times for 1580 in Orangeburg will be 1230-2245 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3160.04, WPJK, Orangeburg, SC, 1300-1315, Dec 5, 2nd harmonic of 1580. Gospel music. Talk at 1310. Very weak. Weak but readable on occasional peaks. Fade-out by 1315 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

3160, had a chance Dec 6 to reconfirm whether WPJK harmonic is still signing on around 1230 UT in December, tho it could start at 1215 = legal sunrise in Orangeburg SC. Tune-in 1228, the carrier is on. Reception is about as good as it gets, S9+18. This time I am ready to record. Canned somewhat muffled sign-on starts at 1231, and as closely as I can copy it, says:

``This is WPJK. WPJK is now beginning another broadcasting day. WPJK is owned and operated by WPJK, on 1580 kHz with 1000 watts, by authority of the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, DC. WPJK [difficulty] studio, transmitter, [income] located at 175 [Cannon Bridge Road - per NRC AM Log]. I`m W. P. G. Carmody [?], station manager of WPJK. And now we begin another broadcasting day.

Ladies and gentlemen, it`s time for your Gospel Train conductor, Reverend K. G. Carmody [?], Junior. All abooooard!`` Q toot, a few more words and another Q, then music. Still audible at 1308, having declined to only S9+12.

[Difficulty] and [income] are what the words sound like, but surely really said something else. Can`t find any info about station personnel at FCC or Google, tho there are a number of Carmodys in Orangeburg. If the manager`s name is W. P. J. Karmody, or something similar, that could explain the callsign; but the absentee owner per FCC is still another name off in Augusta GA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1130, KWKH Shreveport LA, Dec 6 at 1340 UT after country Xmas tune, news headlines from KEEL. ?! 710 being the other 50 kW station there, onetime rivals. Now I see they are co-owned by TOWNSQUARE MEDIA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1690, Dec 3 at 1408, ``The Talk of Chicago, Voice of the Nation``, WVON ID in passing. N used to stand for something else. And I was thinking that WGN used the Talk of Chicago slogan, but don`t see it on their website now, rather News 720 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1630 KRND WY La Grande becomes La Jota Mexicana

Fox Farm Wyoming on 1630, I heard them last night just past their sunset IDing as "La Jota Mexicana". At first I thought it was "La Cosa Mexicana" or "La Costa Mexicana" neither of which made much sense. I have been particularly trying to listen for "La Grande" as that is

what most lists have as their slogan. But a little web searching led me to this page http://lajotamexicana.com/ and much excitement at hearing Wyoming number 4! Jota means the letter "J" in Spanish, perhaps a call change is coming? Or is it meaningless like Jack or Bob or Alice on many English speaking US stations?

The website gives the location as Greeley Colorado. Makes me wonder if there CP to go directional from a new site much further south is now on (Earl Higgins, St. Louis Missouri, Dec 2, ABDX via DXLD) +new call?

** U S A. Wow, what are the chances? The FCC acted.

FCC PROPOSES FINING KCKX-A OWNER $6,000 FOR POWER-DOWN VIOLATIONS

The FCC has proposed a $6,000 fine on DONALD D. COSS for failure to power Country KCKX-A [sic, merely means it`s AM in peculiar style of this site, not part of the callsign] (COWBOY COUNTRY)/STAYTON, OR down at night. The Commission said that its monitoring of the station indicated that the station was not reducing from 1,000 watts to 15 watts as its license requires. The FCC's notice says that the owner of the station told the PORTLAND agent "that he was aware of the requirement to reduce the operating power to the authorized power levels for nighttime operation but stated that it was too expensive to maintain the calibrated time-keeping devices, power switching devices, and other equipment necessary to effect the timely change in power (allaccess.com Dec. 3 via Brock Whaley for DXLD) BTW, KCKX is on 1460 kHz (Brock, ibid.)

** U S A. ESTADOS UNIDOS --- Una estaciÛn de radio de frecuencia modulada en Carolina del Norte ha comenzado a transmitir el primer servicio de m˙sica cl·sica en espaÒol del paÌs con el objetivo de que pueda sindicarse a centenares de emisoras.

El nuevo canal, Concierto, se transmite por los canales de alta definiciÛn de WDAV 89.9 FM, Radio de M˙sica Cl·sica, que opera en la zona 24 horas al dÌa.

Por ahora, el programa de dos horas se escucha el s·bado por la noche tanto en WDAV como por KPBS, una estaciÛn en San Diego (California), y por el sitio en la p·gina en Internet http://www.concierto.org

Seg˙n Benjamin K. Roe, que trabajÛ durante 20 aÒos en la Radio P˙blica Nacional (NPR), el objetivo de Concierto es crear una programaciÛn sindicada de m˙sica cl·sica en espaÒol para todo el paÌs a finales de 2011.

"Estamos haciendo algo que jam·s se habÌa hecho en Estados Unidos. Colocar m˙sica cl·sica en espaÒol. AquÌ (Carolina del Norte) estamos

capacitados para lograr este proyecto como cualquier otra gran metrÛpolis como Miami, Los ¡ngeles, Nueva York", dijo Roe a Efe.

"Tenemos los mejores estudios, equipos, conocimientos, una extensa biblioteca de m˙sica cl·sica, y sobre todo, el mejor director de programaciÛn, que por casualidad es biling¸e", aÒadiÛ.

Roe, ganador de prestigiosos premios de m˙sica, afirmÛ que varias encuestas y estudios confirman que cerca del 7.8 por ciento de los hispanos han identificado la m˙sica cl·sica como una de sus favoritas. "Aunque hay cerca de 830 estaciones de radio en la naciÛn que transmiten programaciÛn en espaÒol en diferentes formatos, pensamos que por lo menos debe de haber un canal de m˙sica cl·sica para esa audiencia en espaÒol", aÒadiÛ.

La programaciÛn de Concierto contiene repertorios de m˙sica cl·sica de todo tipo, sin embargo, presta particular atenciÛn a las contribuciones de compositores, artistas latinoamericanos y espaÒoles. Como por ejemplo, el director venezolano Gustavo Dudamel, el guitarrista cubano Manuel Barrueco, el compositor mexicano Carlos Ch·vez, o el tenor espaÒol Pl·cido Domingo.

Para Frank DomÌnguez, presentador y director de programaciÛn de WDAV, Concierto busca celebrar la variedad de la cultura hispana "para que los oyentes se den cuenta que no sÛlo hay mariachi o merengue".

"Los hispanos hemos tambiÈn contribuido y enriquecido enormemente a este gÈnero durante muchos aÒos", destacÛ DomÌnguez, de origen cubano. En Concierto, los hispanos que dominan el espaÒol o que son biling¸es (inglÈs y espaÒol), podr·n disfrutar de una gran variedad de m˙sica cl·sica familiar como las obras de Beethoven, Mozart, Bach, entre toros, pero tambiÈn piezas de artistas hispanos.

"Quisimos incorporar la presentaciÛn en ambos idiomas porque es una manera de atraer a los oyentes que sÛlo hablan espaÒol o inglÈs. Hemos recibido comentarios positivos", enfatizÛ el presentador de Concierto. Para hispanos como Cesar Balda, de origen ecuatoriano, y con m·s de diez aÒos viviendo en Charlotte, la llegada de Concierto es una "excelente noticia" y la oportunidad de escuchar las piezas de sus compositores hispanos favoritos en la radio.

Balda, como muchos hispanos en este estado, no encuentran en las tiendas de venta de discos compactos en espaÒol sus autores cl·sicos favoritos.

"Por fin tenemos una alternativa de una estaciÛn que coloque este tipo de m˙sica. Para mÌ, que vivo lejos de mi trabajo, puedo ahora enterarme de lo que pasa con nuestros compositores, m˙sicos, conocer

su historia, y asÌ educarnos", seÒalÛ Balda.

DomÌnguez aclarÛ que eventualmente otros presentadores se ir·n uniendo al proyecto para ampliarlo y que m·s estaciones han mostrado interÈs en aÒadir Concierto a su programaciÛn (Source/Fuente/? via ConexiÛn Digital Dec 5 via DXLD)

** U S A. LIST OF STATIONS WITH CHRISTMAS FORMAT
http://www.100000watts.com/specials.asp
(Blaine Thompson, Indiana RadioWatch, http://www.indianaradio.net
WTFDA via DXLD)

** U S A. The contentious idea that a university should sell off its student radio station license is spreading from Houston, to Nashville:
http://www.nashvillescene.com/pitw/archives/2010/12/06/possible-sale-of-wrvu-brodcast-license-makes-the-new-york-times
http://www.nytimes.com/2010/12/06/business/media/06stations.html?_r=2&hp
http://blogs.houstonpress.com/rocks/2010/12/ktrus_plight_draws_national_me.php
(via Artie Bigley, OH, DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. ENTREPRENEURS PLAN TO REVIVE AIR AMERICA SAN DIEGO AS ìLIBERTY ONE RADIOî

Entrepreneurs Sal Magallanez and Hector Bonilla presented their plan to start ìLiberty One Radio,î a progressive talk-radio station that will broadcast from Mexico to most of San Diego County, at an unusual October 28 meeting of the San Diego Democratic Club.

Magallanez and Bonilla said their project came about as a response to the closure of KLSD, the former progressive Air America networkís outlet in San Diego, in 2007. Magallanez said that Air America was actually designed to fail, sabotaged from the get-go by Clear Channel Communications, the owner not only of many Air America stations but also of stations broadcasting Right-wing talk shows. ìClear Channel wanted to prove there wasnít a market for progressive talk, so they gave it the weakest signals they had,î Magallanez said.

Theyíve already made a deal with a company called Mount Wilson Broadcasting to lease a station in Mexico that broadcasts at 540 on the AM dial. They plan to least it on a year-by-year basis.

[that would be what was recently known as XESURF, 100 watts, simulcasting news/talk KGIL 1260 per WRTH 2010, but since then has been Radio Zion, Spanish gospel huxter based in Downey CA and with several other frequencies: http://www.radiozion.net/main.html
Beware, audio ID autolaunches from above URL. --- gh]

Read the story from indybay.org

http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/12/07/18665937.php
(December 8th, 2010 - 10:11 UTC, by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** U S A. Daystar Woes --- History seems to repeat itself among the televangelist crowd. Allegations of sexual harassment against Daystar TV Network founder Marcus Lamb.

Sources: Dallas Morning News
http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/dn/religion/stories/120310dnmetdaystarlawsuit.28a2b27e1.html

KATV Little Rock (link to AP story and what alerted me this morning Dec 4)
http://www.katv.com/Global/story.asp?S=13589599

Dallas Morning News item on Countersuit by Lamb
http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/localnews/stories/DN-daystar_04met.ART.State.Edition1.4bc7973.html
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(Fritze H Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, Dec 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Lamb`s live preÎmptive confessional made news that day, but I never managed to catch it on ch 46 from OKC, or cable 95 in Enid (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. On the subject of DFing: 96.1 MHz, FLORIDA (PIRATE) "Whitfield Radio", Sarasota. DFed him December 4, 2010 with Paul V. Zecchino. Using my hand-held Pro-60 scanner and bearings, confirmed the site almost 2 miles NNE of SRQ airport parking lot (US-41 entrance) where initial bearings were taken, then drove the airport perimeter. Finally a weak signal on the scanner with the duck antenna removed and held out the sunroof, for less than a block. Then spotted a surprisingly short stick (15-20 feet) mounted on the right (east) side of the house, a location north of Whitfield Rd. Frequency meter with paper clip for antenna reading from the car confirmed. Total time till located: 30 minutes. I won't give his address here. Thought about paying a visit, but was a bit pressed for time.

(Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W Florida DX News and "Florida Low Power Radio Stations" are at: http://sites.google.com/site/floridadxn/ DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VANUATU. Re 10-47: ``Hi Jamie, Great to hear from you again. Vanuatu has two operable transmitters, right? Have had reports of them on 3945 and 7260 at the same time (Glenn to Jamie, via DXLD)``

Hi Glenn, Yes!! Vanuatu has both transmitters on at about 5 kilowatts,

on both 3945 and 7260. They are running half power just to save the energy costs, as both frequencies are very loud in that whole island chain. The added 3 dB of power isn't worth the triple peak demand power costs. Glad to hear that Vanuatu being heard so well. Thanks again to you and all of the members for the loggings. Take care and MERRY CHRISTMAS / HAPPY HANUKKAH/HAPPY NEW YEAR to everybody!!! Best Regards (JAMIE Labadia, Dec 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also BOLIVIA

7260, R. Vanuatu, Port Vila. December 03, 0740-0751 male and female in local language talks, Pop music. No signal of 3945, 25322 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil, SW40 - Dipoles and Longwire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN. 4003.7, 2340 14 Nov, VR unscheduled English, usual faulty transmitter, very tinny telephone audio. AM carrier but audio only on USB, SIO 333 (Dave Kenny, England, Dec BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** VATICAN CITY STATE. Vatican Radio African Service, 4 December 2010 at 0312 UT on 9660 kHz. Feature program about hunger and a June, 2011 conference upcoming. Reception was better than their target broadcasts to the Americas for the B10 broadcast schedule. Mr. Sergio Salvatori of Vatican Radioís Frequency Management writes:

ìAs for the poor reception of our English service on 6040 and 7305 kHz I fear that it will be the same for all the current season as shown in the propagation calculations from Sackville to your area. According to the results the MUF at 0230-0330 UT is around 5 MHz, thus our frequencies are above it. The situation improves from April.î (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA [non]. Yet another no-show by El Hugazo, as his special frequencies via CUBA, 17750, 15370, 13680 and 11690 were all carrying regular RHC programming // 11760, 11730, with ``Formalmente Informal``, at 1639 Sunday Dec 5. Show website http://www.alopresidente.gob.ve/ has a streamer at the top admitting that ``hoy 5 de diciembre no se realiza el programa``. ``Anterior`` program was #367 with video linx and other info, but hard to find its date which must have been several weeks ago by now (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. 6297.24, 1724 Nov. 29, National Radio of SADR, Clandestine, via Algeria, songs, ID at 1730 and news, Arabic, very good (Giampiero Bernardini, from Pescia in Tuscany, Perseus with 30 m wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ALGERIA: 6297.2. Radio Arabe Sahuari Democratica; 2042-2103+, 4-Dec; Arabic pop music & chants interspersed w/M in SS & patriotic comments -- like excerpts from a speech. ID by W in Arabic at 2101:40 into

Arabic news. SIO=2+43+ with ute clatter (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** YEMEN. 6135, Republic of Yemen R, Sana¥a, 1443-1501*, Nov 20, Arabic, ID "Idha¥atul jumuhiriya till yamaniyah min Sana¥a", report about religion and Arabic music, 34433 (Patrick Robic, Austria, DSWCI DX Window Dec 1 via DXLD)

6135, from Aden noted not every day here in Germany, 1430-1500 UT. Another rather Sana'a outlet on odd frequency 9780.12 kHz (Roland Schulze, Stuttgart Germany, on November 28-29, BC-DX Dec 4 via DXLD)

** ZAMBIA. 6065, R. Christian Voice/CVC, 1605, Nov 29. After CNR2 signs off (1605*) they are in the clear; carried DW news in English; 1611 IDs for ìRadio Christian Voiceî; DJ with pop songs and an interview; almost fair; via long path (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZANZIBAR. 6015, RTZ (presumed), *0258, Dec 6. At 0250 start of open carrier; 0254 start of test tone; 0258-0259, repetitive xylophone like IS; announcer; 0301, clearly reciting from the Qurían which seemed to end at 0305; long monologue; tuned out 0338; poor. Unidentified station already on the air before RTZ signed on and tiny bit lower in frequency (possibly in Arabic with Middle Eastern/Islamic music). More of a challenge now that that there is QRM here, but definitely identical format as last heard in Sept-Oct (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. 4880, 1833 Nov. 29, SW Africa, Clandestine. In English, reports and inteview about Zimbabwe. Fair/Good

4895, 1827 Nov. 29, Zimbabwe Community Radio, via South Africa, talks in vernacular, IDs. Fair - REC (Giampiero Bernardini in Pescia, Tuscany, with Perseus and 30 meters wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 873, fair carrier looping NW/SE, Dec 5 at 1326 UT, but gone at 1328, amid complete MW bandscan on 9 kHz steps, only other TPs being very weak 774 and 747. If not some local artifact, 873 is most likely JOGB NHK-2, Kumamoto, 500 kW, tho there are several other hi-powered Asians: China, India, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Korea North (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Un dubbio su 1620 -- ho ascoltato una stazione, a mio avviso cubana, che perÚ non era in // con Rebelde su 5025. O Ë Rebelde che ripete le FM con programma diverso, oppure potrebbe essere Cadena Habana che secondo Glenn Hauser viene riportata attiva su 1620 con 5

kw dalla Havana. Purtroppo il fading out non mi ha permesso di prendere un annuncio.

1620, 0555 Dec. 1, Unid, romantic songs, in Spanish, not // 5025 no ID, it could be Rebelde FM relay or Radio Cadena Habana reported from Habana with 5 KW? (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, fatti sempre in Toscana, a Pescia, col Perseus e la filare da 30 metri, playdx yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 3575 approx., Dec 6 at 0612, musical tones again presumably from some ham, but what is this mode, and what intelligence is being conveyed? Sounds one way on AM, another on BFO: the carrier is continuous during tones, but shifts so you get different pitches depending on where you tune. Occasional breaks in transmission, still past 0615. How about including an ID in plain voice? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Re 10-48: 4765.07(m) kHz same as yesterday; never very strong at all from 0152 to 0253, and too weak for much audio. And although stronger than last night, little audio heard. It was heard past 0315, but virtually gone. The two stations on 4010 and 4050 (Bishkek) were not much better same time frame, but these two gone by 0240. Doesn't this suggest 4765 is further west? (Jim Young, Wrightwood, CA, Grundig Satellite 800, UT Dec 3, NASWA yg via DXLD)

4765 - Tuned in at various times between 0100-0245 and was able to hear definite mid-eastern music but not much else. Any announcements were just to low. Static levels were high making anything other than occasional pieces of music inaudible. Nothing was noted on 75 meters, other than Croatia-3985. Jammers were present on 3980-3970 & 3930 but nothing underneath. 73's (Steve Wood, Harwich, MA, Dec 3, ibid.) See also TAJIKISTAN

DUSHANBE TRANSMITTER SITE; AND OTHERS.

I have researched the transmitter sites at Tashkent, Uzbekistan; Dushanbe, Tajikistan; Yangiyul, Uzbekistan; Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. I was unable to find reference to another Yangiyul (Jangijul or Jangi Yul) anywhere but southwest of Tashkent in Uzbekistan. [but there are -gh]

Both Dushanbe and Tashkent have extensive tower structures over a very large area. The Dushanbe site was measured at about 210 acres. Both have what appear to be building complexes, which run between two main tower lines (that run NE to SW).

The Dushanbe site has 11 towers not in a perfect straight line south of the complex, and 15 slightly shorter towers north of the complex, also not in a perfect straight line. The tallest towers are in the

south line, approximately 200 feet tall, with a base dimension of 45 feet, and all are self supporting. The south towers have a 40 foot cross-bar at the top, but the north line of towers are slightly different, with base dimensions of 30-35 feet, and shorter cross-bars at their tops. The south line is about 3500 feet long, the north line around 3600 feet. The two lines of towers are about 1400 feet apart, running parallel to each other. On the east side of the south tower line, there are four other similar towers (self supporting) in a NW to SE line.

Four separate towers of 240 feet are at the southwest corner, and are guyed, and definitely appear to be not part of the lines of towers. There also appears to be a second patterned set of six ~100 foot guyed towers at the east edge of the site.

The entire area seems to be on a flat hill, and looking at the entire area, I was able to count 43 additional guyed towers, and most appear to be somewhere around 100 feet, with several just to the north of the site.

http://wikimapia.org/#lat=38.4881542&lon=68.8147491&z=14&l=0&m=b

Reasonable dimensions were possible with the TerraServer I use (subscription service), allowing for geographical coordinates, surface areas (I choose acres), and feet for distances used in part based on estimates of tower shadows using time of day, the day/month of the year, and the latitude of the Dushanbe site. Google Earth, Maps, and Terra Server use aerial photography from around 40,000 feet, with current resolutions of 0.6 meters. I also selected different shots taken at different times of the year/hour of the day/viewing angle from the plane, so as to determine the tower lines were, in fact, not lined up straight.

The complex at Bishkek is about 270 acres, and has only guyed towers; three in a pattern at the SW corner, and one that could be 300+ feet tall to the east, but this looks more like what a TV tower.

I searched the entire Yangiyul area for over an hour, and found what could be an antenna complex, but it does not appear like the other three complexes at all. Nothing else could be found here.

Dushanbe:	North	38o	29'	00"	, East	68o	48'	38"	
Tashkent:	"	41	13	00	"	69	08	47	
Bishkek:	"	42	52	50	"	74	59	30	
Yangiyul:	"	41	09	30	"	69	08	47	(This may not be a
(Jangijul)									SWBC antenna site!

References: Google Maps, Google Earth (also using the oblique

view), and TerraServer.com. (subscription) site.
The Times World Atlas, National Geographic Atlas,
The Britannica Atlas, Rand McNally International
Atlas, Reader's Digest Atlas, Hammond Atlas of the
World, WRTH 2010, Wikipedia (Internet).
(Jim Young, Wrightwood, CA, Dec 7, NASWA yg via DXLD)

So the question seems to be, how did Yangiyul (however spelt) get attached to Dushanbe, TAJIKISTAN in WRTH 2010, and Aoki? Was it simply someone`s mistake, confused with UZBEKISTAN?

Someone please search the transmitter operator website (in Russian) http://www.teleradiocom.tj/ to see if that name appear anywhere (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Jim, The Dushanbe site you describe is Yangi-yul, or Yangi-Yul, or Yangiyul, or whatever, with the other site associated with Dushanbe, Orzu, being somewhat to the south (Dan Ferguson, North American Shortwave Association, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Thanks to Dan Ferguson's information, I found the Orzu site, which is far greater in size and scope than the Dushanbe or Tashkent sites I described earlier. This site appears to be about 1400 acres (VOA Delano, CA is on a full section of land; 640 acres).

One can see a tall large guyed tower on the northwest corner, and another shorter one on the north presumably for their 702 kHz 150 kW, and 972 kHz 500 kW transmitters. Both appear to have extensive radial systems, and by counting the spoked terrain ridges, they number somewhere around 80 wires. This site is centered at;

North 37o 31' 44"
East 68 47 57

The central to south part of the Orzu site appears to be for SWBC, with lots of well-laid out (straight) tower lines, unlike the slightly irregular ones at the Dushanbe site.

I have also located a place called Yangiyul, some 100 miles SSW of Dushanbe, but only so named on the Google Earth/Maps systems (Jim Young, CA, ibid.)

Jim, Very impressive research on these transmitter sites. I don't think I'd have the time or patience to undertake such a task if I even knew were to start. Tonight is the first time I've had to turn on the radio since Friday and I've only got about 1/2 hour tonight. Hopefully I can check 4765 later in the week (Steve Wood, Harwich, MA, ibid.)

Have been checking 4765 every night since early last week, and nothing much better than normal around 0200Z, or I would have reported it here. I remember when 4635 was on, back in the 1970's, and all my loggings then show this station peaking between 0130 and 0200, from November through January. I do have one logging showing (January 1971) when they were still fair as late as 0320Z.

In a conversation a few days ago with Victor Goonetilleke, he told me that reception into the sub-continent area from 0000 to 0300 (+/-) is certainly long path to the west coast of North America.

All of the Xinjiang PBS stations in Urumqi were extremely good from 0100+ on 3950, 3990, 4330, 4500, 4980, 5060, 5960, & 6015 this evening (Jim Young, Wrightwood, CA, IC-756ProIII + 80M inverted vee at 70 feet, ibid.)

So the bottom line is: there is another Yangiyul, associated with Dushanbe, Tajikistan. Not to be confused with the one in Uzbekistan. Wolfgang also sent me a Russian military map showing the Tajik one.

Also, it is not necessary to duplicate previous effort in researching most SW transmitter sites. Get involved with the shortwavesites yg (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5001, 2152 Nov. 30, Russian presumed, in AM, talks in Russian, music, could be religious. End of the program at 2200, fair (Giampiero Bernardini in Pescia, Tuscany, with Perseus and 30 meters wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) SW - MW mixing product?

UNIDENTIFIED. 5950, weak unID carrier noted in the clear between WYFR s/off 1145 and RNZI s/on 1258 on Dec 03, 04, 06, as confirmed by Mauno Ritola. Unfortunately no definite audio. If we can exclude Yemen, then perhaps an intriguing possibility would be Guyana? If Cuba is still audible on 6 MHz in this part of Europe around 1200, then what about the chances of GUY still propagating at this time of day? Does 5950 really take over from 3290 at 0900 as WRTH 2010 says? Can any of you in the Americas hear anything on this frequency once WYFR is out of the way or possibly earlier? 73, (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Their lower-power transmitter much further east than Cuba would be quite unlikely to Europe at midday, but the last we heard from Jamie Labadia was that it is not active, while they are seeking a new daytime frequency (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6074, Dec 4 vs motorboating carrier from R. Rossii (see RUSSIA), three dashes heard before 1400, but VVV CQ CQ CQ DE 8GAL 8GAL K did not start running until 1400:15 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6170.4, 1323-1408, Dec 06, weak carrier hetting VOR Chinese 6170. This happens to be more or less exactly the same frequency where DZRM, R. Magasin, [PHILIPPINES] was reported in October last year, cf. DXLD 9-077. I may be jumping to conclusions but very possibly this is them again? Anyone else hearing this? 73, (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6931.5, 2316, Nov 20, strong signal, but distorted audio. Playing a folk song, man spoke briefly - again distorted - and off the air suddenly at 2318:45 (Harold Sellers, BC, DSWCI DX Window Dec 1 via DXLD)

It is R Yellowknife from somewhere near Yellowknife, presumably. Comes in well in Alberta, but less so here in British Colombia. I heard them several times around 6940 in previous weeks, with IDs, but tonight the audio was mushy and difficult to follow (Walt Salmaniw, BC in Dxplorer via DSWCI DX Window Dec 1 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. UNKNOWNISTAN: 9080/USB, 1124, 1212, 5-Dec; Continuous Cuban music. Someone "holding" the frequency? Spanish 2-ways also on 9090/U & 9150/U at same time. Not // 6140 Habana in Spanish. Gone at 1305 check (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. SSW unterminated bev. + 85 ft. T2FD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9720.0-USB, INTRUDERS, Dec 3 at 2326, 2-way in Spanish. These sound more professional than your usual poachers which never ID; and neither drunk-sounding nor foul-mouthed! Tactical calls were heard several times, ``Aries, de Canguru``. Also mentioned ``inal·mbrico`` (wireless), ``color gris`` (gray), ``17 horas, hora del centro`` (pointing to Mexico, current local time); ``eso es todo por el momento; le llamamos por telÈfono``, ``a las 8 de la noche``, 91-00 (part of a phone number, or a different frequency?), and quit at 2334 uncovering a very weak broadcaster, listed RVA, Philippines (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 13880, Stuck woodpecker?; 2121, 29-Nov (Harold Frodge, MI, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD) This rapid clicking we often find 50-60 kHz from a heavily Cubanjammed frequency, so believed to be spurs from the jamming, in this case on 13820 against R. MartÌ (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15102-USB, INTRUDERS, Dec 4 at 1420, 2-way intonation sounds like Spanish, but can`t understand a single word (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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I am grateful for the fantastic work you are carrying out, Glenn. I suppose some of the DXers don't realize the effort needed to compile and publish such a wealth of material. 73 from Sweden - Winter Wonderland! (Ullmar Qvick, Norrkˆping, Sweden, Dec 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks to Henrik Klemetz, Sweden for a contribution via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com [acknowledged on WORLD OF RADIO 1542]

I do still listen every week to WOR, and the other DX programs that I can pick up. I do appreciate all the endless work you constantly do to create WoR and produce DXLD over and over and have done so for all those years --- thank you! (Will Martin, St Louis MO, with a check in the p-mail to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702, acknowledged on WORLD OF RADIO 1542)

Will also keeps renewing a gift subscription to The Week, newsmagazine we sometimes reference (gh)

Good nite, Glenn, keep the great work, love WOR since I've heard it back in the 1980's when I started shortwave listening. 73's (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada, UT Dec 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn: I'm an SWL for the past 6 months, have an ICF-SW55 and a Wellbrook ALA-100M antenna. I have come to very much appreciate what you do (Robert, Halifax NS, new dxldyg member)

Long time fan, big time supporter of GH and WOR. Sole Founder & Author of the internationally acclaimed "Shortwave America". Avid radio enthusiast, licensed amateur operator (KC9NCF, Nov 29, new dxldyg member)

This is Martyn Williams in Tokyo, longtime WOR email reader and frequent SW listener. I am particularly interested in North Korean radio (Dec 5, new dxldyg member)

LANGUAGE LESSONS
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Re: ** KOREA NORTH [non]. 5910, Shiokaze, Tuesday Nov 30 at 1408 is in Japanese, YL over sombre piano music. Sounds like she is saying ``thank you`` every so often, but maybe it`s really a similar-sounding Japanese word, like senkyu? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, It was probably the first part of a year. On Shiokaze they often read letters to those assumed abducted and the letters include references to years. 1970 would be "sen (1000) kyu-hyaku (900) nana-juu (70) nen (year)" so you're probably hearing the "senkyu" at the beginning (Martyn Williams, Tokyo, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PUBLICATIONS
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COLD WAR RADIO BLOGSPOT (RFE/RL in particular)

Graeme Stevenson on the swgold group alerted me to the Cold War Radios blogspot. It's the blog of Richard H. Cummings, former Director of Security at Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in Munich Germany. Author of "Cold War Radio: The Dangerous History of American Broadcasting in Europe, 1950-1989" and "Radio Free Europe's 'Crusade for Freedom': Rallyiing Americans Behind Cold War Broadcasting, 1950-1960".

He started the blog on November 26 this year and there are already 32 entries. http://coldwarradios.blogspot.com/
(Mike Barraclough, England, Dec 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

TOPHOUR

A reminder on another resource that I hope is valuable: I recently took over operation of TopHour.com, the repository of station IDs from all over the country, and it's constantly being fed with new IDs from my travels and those from our other editors.

You can search the database by callsign from the "Audio" page of the site: http://www.tophour.com/audio/

There are a few thousand IDs there for the listening, and it's free. Enjoy! s (Scott Fybush, NY, Nov 9, NRC-AM via DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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TALKING HOUSE TRANSMITTER

[Re OKLAHOMA: gh`s adventures with 1690, in Enid]
Again, a good read and fun DFing said things.

I just picked up a new Talking House (digital, 520-1700 kHz range). Haven't had a chance to do anything with it other than plug it in with the factory test loop on the garage work bench with the provided flexible wire antenna unrolled. Only gets out around 300 or so feet

without dinking with placement, antenna modifications, etc., which I may eventually mess with. These do have a "live" feed jack switch as an option to the two 5-minute recordable loops. See:
http://www.talkinghouse.com/
(Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, Dec 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SEA WATER ANTENNA !!

If it was April 1st I might not have believed it.....
http://www.wired.co.uk/news/archive/2010-11/09/sea-water-antenna
(Hugh Hoover, Portugal, WTFDA via DXLD)

HUMANS MAY BECOME 'WIRELESS TOWERS' IN THE FUTURE --- December 4, 2010

I'm Jim Linton VK3PC with another from the Weird 'N Wonderful file.

Now here's a development that will send shivers right down the spines of those fearful of wireless radiation, make the blood of some reach boiling point or throw their arms up in the air in pure disbelief.

Researchers at Queen's University Belfast are looking to improve the reliability of modern wireless systems. They believe that humans could be turned into wireless towers to create what they call body-to-body networks.

A five year research project is investigating how small sensors carried by people could communicate with each other to create a ubiquitous wireless networking paradigm.

This would provide enhanced bandwidth needed when too many people use their phone in the same cell area, help the service to penetrate weak signal areas or black holes and counteract drop outs that result from interference.

In a rapidly developing science of body centric communications, new sensors carried by everyone with a mobile phone would interact with each other and wireless devices embedded in local surroundings to transmit data, providing anytime, anywhere mobile network connectivity.

The technology also promises to open up the use of wireless communications in a wider range of activities including law enforcement and first responder teams, sports applications through to medical monitoring of patients in their own homes.

Jim Linton VK3PC, Wireless Institute of Australia
(via Southgate via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

R E C E I V E R R E V I E W : K a i t o K A 1 1 0 7

Reviewed by D A V I D C R Y S T A L

Cinderella in its box of fun - that is the Kaito KA1107 analog receiver. I found it in the catalog of Universal Radio about four years ago. It reminded me of the Sony ICF-7600A. It is dual conversion. Fred Osterman thought it could not be good, because the Sony ICF-7600A was priced at $120 in its time, and the base price of the Kaito KA1107 is only $50. Fred Osterman was willing to send me the Kaito KA1107 as a gift already back then.

Passport to World Band Radio never reviewed the Kaito KA1107. Simply because it was analog. Digital junk was included instead.

Recently, I asked for and received a Kaito KA1107. Fred Osterman refused to send it surface and airmail postage was $33. All a gift, at his expense. My Sony ICF-7600A and my Sangean SG-789L are both in bad condition, my fault. I was looking for the cheapest radio that would inspire a person to become a short wave listener. I have found it.

Cinderella's box has the same picture on top and bottom, so you have to be very careful when figuring out how to open it . The picture of Cinderella on the box is much smaller than actual size. In the current Universal Radio catalog, 20l0A, the picture of Cinderella gives the impression that it is very small. In fact, Cinderella is bigger than the Kaito KA1121. And yet, Cinderella is very light - 280 grams plus four AA batteries. The Universal Radio people pasted their order number on Cinderella's box. This was an affront to her dignity. They don't do this to receivers they respect. Some silly things are printed on the box - no matter.

Cinderella's box is made of very strong cardboard. When Universal Radio sells a used receiver, the price is $10 higher when the original box is included.

Inside the box is a tray, with most of the stuff. Remove the tray, and underneath you will find the pouch and the instruction booklet.

The pouch is made of genuine velvet cloth with two drawstrings. The instruction booklet is okay for beginners. The telescopic antenna is long and light and does not flop over. There is a flip out back rest. The cover of the batteries is attached to the receiver. The tuning knob has no slack - turn the knob even a little, and the received frequency changes. Knobs do not rub against the cabinet. Change bands with a rotary knob on the side. Cinderella seems to be sturdily built.

Cinderella operates on the principle, you decide how much RF input to supply. There is a sensitivity switch with three positions. You can

use the telescopic antenna, it is quite effective, or an external antenna or both together. Too little signal leaves you dead, too much and you have overload.

On medium wave, using the internal antenna, Cinderella gives the most directional reception I have met. During most of the day, I have BBC World Service with 200 kilowatts from Cyprus. Easy to receive on a cheap transistor. With Cinderella in one direction, no BBC WS at all. Turn Cinderella 90 degrees, wonderful reception of BBC WS.

The AC adaptor is of course 120 volts 60 cycles. I use it with a transformer. It makes the electricity line into an antenna. My Sony ICF-7600D does the same, but not to the same extent. The AC adaptor is UL, meaning good.

The supplied external antenna is too short to extend outside. When I use it together with the AC adaptor, I don't need the telescopic antenna and I don't need to manipulate the sensitivity switch very often. This supplied antenna is interesting. It looks like a simple insulated wire. Its connector is stereo. Its end is odd. I feel it is coaxial. I dream of a ground wire. I have not tried anything yet. No explanation in the instruction booklet.

This receiver receives just about any AM station, just as well as far more "respectable" equipment.

The dial is sometimes not easy to read. Alternate bands have numbers in white or in green. The green numbers are not easy to read in poor lighting. There is illumination of the dial, and it floodlights almost everything, but not the indicator of the band in use. This is a red dot in a well. The well is totally dark with the illumination.

The extreme directional reception on medium wave happened only once. Reception on medium wave uses the internal ferrite antenna alone. Sensitivity on medium wave is very good, even with the sensitivity switch at its lowest position. This is not true of the Sony ICF-.SW77.

Frequency coverage: The 19 meters band ends at 15690 kHz. This leaves out Radio Netherlands. [?]

On 27 October 2010 I wanted to hear Radio Taiwan International on 13840 kHz at 1600-1700 UTC. Propagation was strange with Cinderella, I could not get rid of a loud tone. My AOR AR7030 gave good reception, only slightly sick. My Sony ICF-SW77 displayed brisk, deep fades. I got the best reception with my Sony ICF-7600D with a short outdoor antenna. We are not taught about strange propagation, we just experience it. So I would not disown Cinderella because of this case.

Sometimes, my hand on the telescopic antenna helps Cinderella.

Frequency readout is only within 20 kHz. That's why you have a millimeter dial scale on the side. Let's say you have tuned in a good station, and you want to return to it. Write down its position of the dial scale. Return to that position, and you will be very close to your station.

Cinderella is stable. A small tweak of the tuning knob after a quarter hour. Tuning is sharp. Sound is good. If you want to use Ni-MH batteries, there is a charge switch. I don't use them.

No S-meter, but the single LED is a help. And that's not all. The front panel shows you how you have set the volume knob. This helps to determine signal strength. You can make useful reception reports with Cinderella.

No presets and no single side band. There is no line out jack for recording.

Cinderella seems to be robust, both mechanically and electrically. When I use Cinderella, I feel like a DX-er. I feel good. (DC2527)
(David Crystal, Israel, Dec World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS
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ARRL STRENGTHENS THE CASE FOR MANDATORY BPL NOTCHING
December 4, 2010

Systems transmitting data over electricity wiring cause considerable radio pollution. The ARRL is keeping up the pressure on the FCC to introduce mandatory notching of the Amateur Radio bands to reduce the interference.

On November 30, the ARRL filed an ex parte submission with the FCC, providing additional support for its position that the FCC should require mandatory notching of the amateur radio bands by Broadband over Power Line (BPL).

The ARRLís filing stated such devices can cause harmful interference to Amateur Radio operators, and requested that the FCC ìestablish rules that are appropriate for unlicensed BPL systems and which minimize the interference potential.î

American Radio Relay League (ARRL) BPL Story
http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-continues-bpl-debate

ARRL Submission
http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=7020921734

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Request for Further Comment and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-09-60A1.pdf

BPL systems currently use the precious HF radio spectrum between 3 and 30 MHz. This spectrum has many unique characteristics but can be rendered unusable by BPL systems. Modern technology permits these systems to use frequencies above 30 MHz and it is unclear why the BPL industry continues to pollute 3-30 MHz.

(Southgate
http://www.southgatearc.org/news/december2010/arrl_strengthens_bpl_case.htm
via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

What about notching SHORTWAVE BROADCAST BANDS?????!!!!!!! (gh, DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See BELGIUM [non]; GUIANA FRENCH
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PROPAGATION
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The geomagnetic field was predominantly quiet for the entire forecast period. Solar wind speeds measured by the ACE spacecraft indicated a decline in wind speeds from 440 km/s on 29 November to around 290 km/s on 04 December. This gradual decline was attributed to the waning effects of a coronal hole high-speed wind stream (CH HSS) combined with a slow moving CME observed on 24 November.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 08 DEC 2010 - 03 JAN 2011

Solar activity is expected to be very low to low throughout the forecast period. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at low levels from 08-12 December. Activity is expected to increase from moderate to high levels from 13-18 December. Low levels are expected for the remainder of the period.

The Geomagnetic field is expected to be at predominantly quiet levels from 08-09 December. Activity is expected to increase to quiet to unsettled levels on 10-14 December, due to the combined effects of a CME observed on 06 December and recurrent CH HSS becoming geoeffective. Activity is expected to decrease to mostly quiet levels until 24-25 December, when quiet to unsettled levels are expected due to another CH HSS moving into geoeffective position. Predominantly

quiet levels are expected for the remainder of the period.

:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27DO.txt
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Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center
Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html
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27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
Issued 2010-12-07
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# UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2010 Dec 08	89	5	2
2010 Dec 09	89	5	2
2010 Dec 10	87	8	3
2010 Dec 11	87	10	4
2010 Dec 12	85	10	4
2010 Dec 13	85	8	3
2010 Dec 14	85	5	2
2010 Dec 15	83	5	2
2010 Dec 16	83	5	2
2010 Dec 17	81	5	2
2010 Dec 18	80	5	2
2010 Dec 19	80	5	2
2010 Dec 20	80	5	2
2010 Dec 21	80	5	2
2010 Dec 22	80	5	2
2010 Dec 23	82	5	2
2010 Dec 24	82	7	3
2010 Dec 25	82	7	3
2010 Dec 26	84	5	2
2010 Dec 27	84	5	2
2010 Dec 28	84	5	2
2010 Dec 29	84	5	2
2010 Dec 30	84	5	2
2010 Dec 31	85	5	2
2011 Jan 01	85	5	2
2011 Jan 02	85	5	2
2011 Jan 03	85	5	2

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1542, DXLD)

TIPS FOR RATIONAL LIVING
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SHOE BOMBER DECISION

I found this a wonderful read. It is not political. It is just patriotic, beautifully stated and should make you feel good.

Remember the guy who got on a plane with a bomb built into his shoe and tried to light it?

Did you know his trial is over?
Did you know he was sentenced?
Did you see/hear any of the judge's comments on TV or Radio?
Didn't think so.!!!
Everyone should hear what the judge had to say.

Ruling by Judge William Young, US District Court.

Prior to sentencing, the Judge asked the defendant if he had anything to say. His response: After admitting his guilt to the court for the record, Reid also admitted his 'allegiance to Osama bin Laden, to Islam, and to the religion of Allah,' defiantly stating, 'I think I will not apologize for my actions,' and told the court 'I am at war with your country.'

Judge Young then delivered the statement quoted below:

Judge Young: 'Mr. Richard C. Reid, hearken now to the sentence the Court imposes upon you.

On counts 1, 5 and 6 the Court sentences you to life in prison in the custody of the United States Attorney General. On counts 2, 3, 4 and 7, the Court sentences you to 20 years in prison on each count, the sentence on each count to run consecutively. (That's 80 years.)

On count 8 the Court sentences you to the mandatory 30 years again, to be served consecutively to the 80 years just imposed. The Court imposes upon you for each of the eight counts a fine of $250,000 that's an aggregate fine of $2 million. The Court accepts the government's recommendation with respect to restitution and orders restitution in the amount of $298.17 to Andre Bousquet and $5,784 to American Airlines.

The Court imposes upon you an $800 special assessment. The Court imposes upon you five years supervised release simply because the law requires it. But the life sentences are real life sentences so I need go no further.

This is the sentence that is provided for by our statutes. It is a fair and just sentence. It is a righteous sentence.

Now, let me explain this to you. We are not afraid of you or any of

your terrorist co-conspirators, Mr. Reid. We are Americans. We have been through the fire before. There is too much war talk here and I say that to everyone with the utmost respect. Here in this court, we deal with individuals as individuals and care for individuals as individuals. As human beings, we reach out for justice.

You are not an enemy combatant. You are a terrorist. You are not a soldier in any war. You are a terrorist. To give you that reference, to call you a soldier, gives you far too much stature. Whether the officers of government do it or your attorney does it, or if you think you are a soldier, you are not----- you are a terrorist. And we do not negotiate with terrorists. We do not meet with terrorists. We do not sign documents with terrorists. We hunt them down one by one and bring them to justice.

So war talk is way out of line in this court . You are a big fellow. But you are not that big. You're no warrior. I've known warriors. You are a terrorist. A species of criminal that is guilty of multiple attempted murders. In a very real sense, State Trooper Santiago had it right when you first were taken off that plane and into custody and you wondered where the press and the TV crews were, and he said: 'You're no big deal. '

You are no big deal.

What your able counsel and what the equally able United States attorneys have grappled with and what I have as honestly as I know how tried to grapple with, is why you did something so horrific. What was it that led you here to this courtroom today?

I have listened respectfully to what you have to say. And I ask you to search your heart and ask yourself what sort of unfathomable hate led you to do what you are guilty and admit you are guilty of doing? And, I have an answer for you. It may not satisfy you, but as I search this entire record, it comes as close to understanding as I know.

It seems to me you hate the one thing that to us is most precious. You hate our freedom.. Our individual freedom. Our individual freedom to live as we choose, to come and go as we choose, to believe or not believe as we individually choose. Here, in this society, the very wind carries freedom. It carries it everywhere from sea to shining sea. It is because we prize individual freedom so much that you are here in this beautiful courtroom, so that everyone can see, truly see, that justice is administered fairly, individually, and discretely. It is for freedom's sake that your lawyers are striving so vigorously on your behalf, have filed appeals, will go on in their representation of you before other judges.

We Americans are all about freedom. Because we all know that the way we treat you, Mr. Reid, is the measure of our own liberties. Make no mistake though. It is yet true that we will bear any burden; pay any price, to preserve our freedoms. Look around this courtroom. Mark it well. The world is not going to long remember what you or I say here. The day after tomorrow, it will be forgotten, but this, however, will long endure.

Here in this courtroom and courtrooms all across America , the American people will gather to see that justice, individual justice, justice, not war, individual justice is in fact being done. The very President of the United States through his officers will have to come into courtrooms and lay out evidence on which specific matters can be judged and juries of citizens will gather to sit and judge that evidence democratically, to mold and shape and refine our sense of justice.

See that flag, Mr. Reid? That's the flag of the United States of America. That flag will fly there long after this is all forgotten. That flag stands for freedom. And it always will.

Mr. Custody Officer. Stand him down.
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So, how much of this Judge's comments did we hear on our TV sets? We need more judges like Judge Young (Source? via John Babbis, MD, Dec 2, DXLD) ###